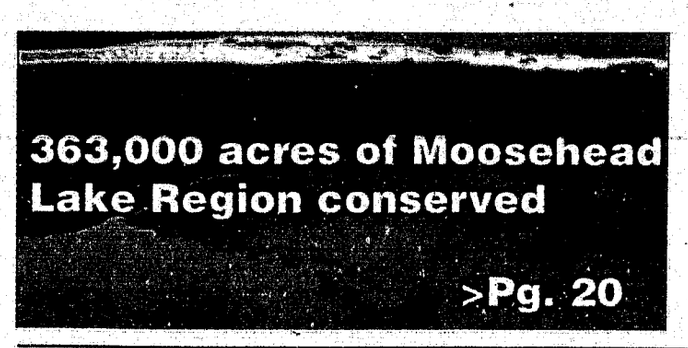

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German visitor gets close look at G'wood ice caves

Kinka Tadsen (right), from the small North Sea island of Amrum, joined a party of two other ice-cave neophytes Thursday, for a trip to the Greenwood ice caves. Betsey Foster (left, with Lark) of Locke Mills served as guide (the caves can be hard to find if you don't know the way) and naturalist. Tadsen was here as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange Team. *(Photo: Carol Savage)*

Fate of Sign Ordinance now in hands of Bethel voters

By MICHAEL DANIELS

At their annual meeting June 13 Bethel voters will be asked if they wish to abolish the town's sign ordinance, which includes the rules governing directional signs.

On Monday evening selectmen accepted a petition putting that option on the town meeting warrant.

The petition, with 133 signatures, was presented by Ron and Rick Savage.

At an earlier meeting of the town Ordinance Review Committee, Ron Savage said the petition was prompted by the inability of he and his brother to adequately advertise their restaurant, The Black Diamond Steakhouse.

The restaurant is located on the Sunday River Road, approximately one mile from the intersection with Route 2.

Savage said that under the current rules the Black Diamond is not able to capture enough customers from the traffic flow on Route 2, the state's second busiest road.

Ongoing dissatisfactions

The directional-sign component of the sign ordinance was adopted at town meeting in 1998.

It called for eliminating the proliferation of blue MDOT directional signs, and replacing them with a town-managed system of business and informational signs.

The vote to approve the new ordinance was overwhelming.

The following year voters rejected, by a similar margin, a proposal calling for elimination of the ordinance.

But despite the strong initial support, a consensus eventually grew among business owners and town officials that the existing ordinance was

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Rick Savage arrested on three charges, including terrorizing

By MICHAEL DANIELS, Sun Media Group

Rick Savage was charged Monday night with making threats toward Town Manager James Doar, according to Oxford County Sheriff's Department Cpl. Brian Landis said.

He was arrested after a confrontation outside the town office meeting room, where the selectmen were concluding their meeting, after voting on the petition presented by Savage and his brother Ron.

He was charged with terrorizing, disorderly conduct and refusing to submit to arrest or detention, Landis said.

Prior to the meeting Doar had asked the Sheriff's Department to be present at the meeting. He said later the request was prompted by threats Savage had been making for several days.

After leaving the meeting, Landis said, Savage and another man got into a verbal confrontation over an issue involving the town's sign ordinance.

Landis said he and Deputy Matthew Noyes broke it up and Savage was arrested "because of his words and actions."

Parts of the fray could be heard in the meeting room.

Savage left with a group of people, including the deputies, following the petition vote. His brother Ron remained at the meeting.

Shortly after he left, Rick Savage hollered

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Bethel dog lovers sniff out place for pooch park

By ALISON ALOISIO

An effort is underway to bring a dog park to Bethel, in the area of the Pathway.

Steve Wight of Newry, a member of the group researching the idea, said the vision is for a fenced-in area where local dogs can run off-leash.

The idea first arose last year at a meeting of the Bethel Area Nonprofit Coalition, he said. Interest has built since then.

"It takes about an acre," said Wight. "About a third of an acre for small dogs under 30 pounds, and two-thirds of an acre for dogs over 30 pounds."

A wooded area behind the Shell station on Route 2, at that end of the Pathway, appears to be the best location, he said. "Some trees would have to be cleared."

He said he planned to examine the area more closely using maps. The group working on the project would then bring a proposal to selectmen, and if they agreed to it, the plan would go to the Planning Board, Wight said.

It would be important to ensure the location was far enough from neighboring houses that barking would not be a problem, he said, but not so far away that it would not be convenient for dog owners.

As for funding, the volun-

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BACK HOME WITH THE FAMILY—Harlow Smith, 4, and sister Ashlin, almost 2, walk Dunkin in the backyard. *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

Facebook tip leads to return of stolen dog

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Dunkin, her nine-week-old Beagle/Lab, was missing, almost certainly stolen from her truck Thursday in South Paris.

"I had myself completely convinced I was never going to see him again," said Jessica Smith of Bethel. "It's not very often that a stolen dog returns, or is returned, or is found."

But Dunkin is back home, thanks in part to Facebook.

Dunkin has been Smith's commuting companion since joining the family just before Easter.

"We have food and water in the back of the truck and all his toys. That dog goes with me everywhere. "If I leave this house and don't take him, he gets mad at me," Smith said. "He'd rather be in that truck then anywhere else."

On the day he disappeared Dunkin had come along when Smith drove to South Paris to attend an adult-ed math class at the Fox School.

When she went in to class, she left him in the truck.

At the time, Smith said, she thought the truck could not be locked, because of a key problem.

When she went out on her break, to take Dunkin

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Woodstock property information goes online

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen voted Tuesday to join Greenwood in offering tax-assessment information and photos for individual properties online.

The town will pay $1,700 a year for the service through its assessing agent, O'Donnell and Associates. The tax information will be available at www.jeodonnell.com. Greenwood currently offers the service.

Users may search the public information database according to such topics as the name of a property owner, street, map/lot number and documents (including real estate transfer tax forms, tree growth applications, building permits and sketches, deeds, homestead applications and veterans applications).

Having the information available online, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, could save staff time in the equivalent of half

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SAD budget votes May.29 and June 12

By ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 School Board Monday signed the warrant for its FY'13 budget proposals, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. The General Fund budget proposal is $9,989,269, and the Adult Education budget $157,866.

Directors have set May 29 at 7 p.m. as the date and time for the public budget meeting, to be held at Telstar High School's Helen Berry Auditorium. A referendum validation vote will take place June 12 in the individual towns.

The proposal, if ap-

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Letters

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

To the Editor:

After returning home form two weeks visiting my daughter, I read there no one was seeking to fill the Bethel vacancies on the SAD 44 Board of Directors. After considerable thought, I have decided to put my name forward as a write-in candidate.

In the past I have served on several boards and commissions. One of which was a one-year term on the SAD 44 Board. At that time I didn't seek reelection because of demands of time from my farm business. Now that I am semi retired I will have the time to devote my abilities to the position. I would appreciate your votes and support.

Timothy A. Carter
Bethel

SENIOR COLLEGE THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of all the members, past and present, of the Western Mountains Senior College, we thank the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2012 Special Recognition Award presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner on May 4.

At the event several of the award recipients mentioned how important being a member of the Bethel Community is to them. We agree and believe that the Western Maine Senior College contributes in the best way to the fabric of our community. This year WMSC celebrates its 10th anniversary. What began as a small number of enthusiastic "seniors" then, has grown into a hundred-member affiliate of the Maine State College Network now. Ten years and still learning! We welcome new members.

Thank you for this honor.

Marcia Foster-Austin and Nancy Davis
Co-chairs, Western Maine Senior College.

HUNGRY KINGDOM FUND

To the Editor:

About five years ago the folks in Andover got together and supported the Hungry Kingdom Fund a pay it forward project that started with an $80 investment! This fund pays for all the breakfasts, snack milk or juice, and hot lunches for the Andover School students for the entire year.

The kick-off for the annual event will be held at the Andover Congregational Church on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The kitchen is set up for a food sale, and the dining hall will host vendors and crafts folks.

Research shows us that a hungry child cannot learn. Since the program began, most days it is noted there is a100 percent participation in the hot lunch program. A program we are proud to offer our students.

We invite all to attend, learn more about the fund, and support this program.

Sharon Hutchins
Andover

SIMPLICITY

To the Editor:

Simplicity. A quality at the top of my values list. I'll admit, I am a simple person. Some might even call me a simpleton.

Often, I do not understand jokes. Big words make me nervous.

Certain political ramblings are beyond my comprehension. (Strawberries and whipped cream?)

However, I may be able to put an end to the left/right argument with a simple plea. No matter what your political persuasion, you can not disagree with me on this. At the risk of being called a simpleton, here goes:

"To Whomever it May Concern in Government (you know who you are): Stop taxing, borrowing and spending lots of our money on stupid things, or we will all be in really big trouble very soon!"

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Brenda Stickney
Andover

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

To the Editor:

Recently, I received an award from the National Meningitis Association's (NMA) at their annual gala in New York. Although I am honored to be recognized by NMA, it is not the kind of award that any parent wants to be qualified to receive. I am one of NMA's Moms on Meningitis, or M.O.M.s, as we are known in the advocacy community. We are a group of mothers from across the country whose lives were forever changed by meningococcal disease.

My journey, which culminated with the acceptance of the M.O.M.s Outstanding Service Award, began in April 2003. My husband and I will never forget the four days that changed our lives forever. Our son Jerry, a Telstar High School graduate and an otherwise healthy young adult, awoke feeling like he had the flu. By that evening he was in critical condition. Despite treatment and around-the-clock care, Jerry died from meningococcal disease.

It was only after his death that we learned a vaccine might have prevented it. Getting involved with NMA and making it my mission to educate others about meningococcal disease and prevention has been my way of coping with grief. I want to make sure no family has to experience the same tragedy.

Today, vaccination is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for all preteens and teens and many states require it for adolescents. Although vaccination isn't required in Maine, colleges must, by law, educate families about the availability of the vaccine and the CDC's recommendations.

While there have been improvements in vaccination rates over the years, there is still much work to be done. Nationally, nearly 37 percent of adolescents have not yet received an initial dose of meningococcal vaccine. The numbers in Maine, however, are even lower, with close to 44 percent of teens unprotected.

If you're a parent, it might not seem like a health priority for you right now, but it should be. Even if your child was vaccinated, as recommended at age 11-12, they need a booster at age 16 to keep them protected through the period of time they are at greatest risk.

This year, NMA celebrates its 10-year anniversary, marking a decade of helping to protect kids from meningococcal disease and providing a network of support to families who have suffered from meningococcal disease. Thankfully, much has changed over the past 10 years, but we can't stop here.

Unfortunately, I know that there are other families who will go through what mine did. This disease is rare but devastating, with permanent consequences, including brain damage, loss of hearing, amputation(s), loss of kidney function, and sometimes death. Anyone who knows a family who has been touched by meningococcal disease will become a passionate advocate for protection.

I implore all of the parents in Maine to step up and make sure your kids are vaccinated.

Make an appointment today with your healthcare provider or public health department.

It is my hope that one day all children in Maine will be protected. Until then, I remain a M.O.M. on a mission.

For further information, please refer to NMA's website www.nmaus.org.

Jeri Greenwell
Bethel

REMEMBERING JUNE ABBOTT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Historical Society has lost one of its most enthusiastic members in the death this week of June Abbott. She was long a dedicated volunteer for the organization, serving as a trustee and on various committees. She was also a generous financial donor and was always willing to fill in wherever and whenever she was needed. A most gracious and kind person, she was genuinely interested in others and will be long recalled for her creative talents when it came to quilts and canvasses.

When her husband Al died in 2003, an American Elm (guaranteed to be Dutch Elm Disease resistant) was planted in his memory on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Every year June would comment how well the tree was doing and we would revisit some of our numerous memories of Al, who was very active in working on the grounds of the Dr. Mason House. I can report that the tree is still thriving and I expect June has joined Al in rejoicing that at least one American Elm will eventually grace Broad Street reminiscent of those that so abundantly did in the late 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries.

Stan Howe
Bethel

WHAT A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

We were again reminded of the wonderful community we live in. When Marilyn Hamel was diagnosed with colon cancer it became clear that the family was going to run into many unexpected expenses.

On May 6 we had a fundraiser to raise some money to assist with the financial needs to help with treatment, additional medical expenses, and travel. What a wonderful reminder we received! We had people donate things for our Chinese Auction and attend the dinner that we had never met and a large amount of people from the community that know Marilyn that attended was amazing. The owners of the Funky Red Barn, Barry and Brooke Hallett, allowing us the use of the Funky Red Barn for the benefit, and the many, many different businesses from Bethel, Rumford, and South Paris that donated items for the auction helped make this a successful fundraiser. There were many individuals that donated handmade items, some knitted, some made of wood, wood burning that was truly amazing, the wonderfully designed Team Marilyn tee shirts and the donation of time for the collection of donated items and the dinner itself. Without the support of the community as a whole this would not have been the success it was.

It is very difficult for families to go through something like this but to know that there is so much community support makes the journey just a little bit easier. We would like to say thank you to all who donated items, food, worked the front lines, and worked the benefit. Thank you to the community as well. You're amazing!

Linda Smith and Nicole Hamel
Bethel

Celladore

'BDI Comes. Why don't you keep a cow?'

"Why don't you keep a cow?" we are often asked. The answer that I give is direct. "Because B.B. does not know how to milk." I do, or rather once did. Back in the days when we were too land poor to afford to keep a car, T.R. played on the football team at the academy. Sometimes after practice, he had to walk the four miles to Brick End. Our family of seven was partly sustained by one cow, the old Guernsey, we called her. I learned to milk to help out on the nights when T.R. was late getting home.

A more realistic answer to the question would be that we used little milk. Despite all the insistence of the dairy councils and nutritionists, we hewed to the line of our youth. Milk was for growing children. After you became a man you put away childish things.

One year we did try having a domestic animal to provide meat. T.R. was always telling us that we ought to have a pig. We were not particularly enthusiastic, but evidently did not register complete disapproval.

One summer evening as we were sitting on the pumphouse steps enjoying the twilight, in rolled T.R. in his pickup. Out he stepped with a big, big smile and boomed out, "I've brought you a pig." We followed as he carried a squealing and wriggling grain sack around the north end of the barn where we had a cement-bottomed space with a ten-foot opening on one side and a large window on the other. He undid the sack; out raced a little white pig, his pink skin blooming through his bristles. He dashed about, then stopped in a corner with his head aslant and eyed us with a crafty expression. The charm of a healthy little animal caught us.

"Whatever shall we feed him?" I asked.

"No problem," said T.R. with his air of assurance. "I've brought you a bag of calf starter. Just mix it with water. When he's older, he'll eat all the surplus garden stuff."

I hastened to mix a batch of food in an old dishpan, carried it out, crouched down at the side of the pen and crooned softly. Pig galloped about, retreated to his corner, came up to the pan, darted away. Three times I called, three times he danced about. I left him and watched from a distance. He promptly downed all the dishful. Pigs evidently did not suffer traumatic experiences when moved to new surroundings. We were interested in watching him but pigs to T.R. were just another minor incident and chore. He boomed out, "Well, Miss Melisande, he's all right. Put on the coffee pot; I want to tell B.B. about..." Later in the evening we went out. The pig seemed content but little and lonely on his cement isle.

Next morning B.B. made him a wooden trough to eat from. We washed it once a day; he never spilled over the sides. When we put the food in, he trotted off to a corner and stared at us. What beady eyes he had. Now he had a name. T.R. phoned that evening saying he had forgotten to tell us to put hay in for bedding. We went out and pitched in two big forkfuls. BDI had never seen hay before but he knew at once it was a thing of joy and delight, an amenity of living. Into the center of it he dove and pulled it up around him so that only his nose and eyes peered out. "He really likes it," we cried. At the sound of our voices he jumped from the lair, raced round and round, then stopped directly in front of us. I refrained from scratching his head, giving him more time to be sure we were friends. Back he went and covered up for the night.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A wind-driven fire gutted twenty-two rooms of the Madison Motor Inn on Route 2 in Rumford.

Following Telstar's Prom, about 30 students attended a midnight brunch sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee at the town's Grange Hall.

Births: Seth Robert Te'o Ferguson, Dakota-Lee Patten Tuttle, Reese Remington Starbird.

Deaths: Will D. McAllister, Merle E. Ring, Sr., Ronald Lee Farris, Toivo A. Heikkinen, Travis L. Buck.

20 years ago: The new Locke Mills Marketplace held its grand opening.

Richard Duka of Hanover Iron Works replaced the wrought iron fence around Bethel's Main Street Civil War monument.

30 years ago: The Bethel Nordic Ski and Outing Club held its first annual meeting at the Methodist Church with about 50 in attendance.

Sean Kersey and Mary-Beth Feeney were selected as delegates to the Maine Scholars Day at the University of Maine at Orono.

Births: Kerry Thomas Ryan, Kathleen Jabar Trinward, Maire Ellen Cole.

Deaths: Kermit H. Sweeney, Dwight C. Martin, Floyd A. Dean.

40 years ago: Miss Alice Ballard was presented a Citation for Meritorious Service during the commencement exercises at the University of Maine.

Peter Blake spun a one-hitter to lead Telstar to a 6-0 Mountain Valley Conference victory over Messalonskee.

Deaths: O. Lee Abbott, Lester R. Enman.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Houlihan and daughters were occupying one of the Edward Robertson apartments on Chapman Street.

A 22x40 addition adjoining the railroad siding was being built at Davis Building Supply for more convenient handling of rail shipments.

Deaths: Emery A. Ryerson, Sr., Albert Bowker.

60 years ago: The contract for construction of a Shell service station at "Bryant's lot" at Monument Square (Bethel) was awarded to Bunker & Savage of Augusta. The building was to be of Colonial "Beverly Farms" design.

Walter Littlehale of Magalloway was electrocuted when the log-loading crane he was operating came in contact with a high tension wire. He was an employee of Grafton Lumber Co., Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Emma A. Barker, Fred Howard, Walter Littlehale, Mrs. John Vail, Miss Catherine Seaton.

70 years ago: Over $26,000 worth of war bonds and stamps for 1942 was pledged in Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Frances H. Wardwell, Mrs. Sophronia Kenerson, Mrs. Rose Etta Brown, Aretas E. Stearns.

80 years ago: Fire of undetermined origin damaged the house occupied by Loton Hutchinson and family in Skillingston.

Deaths: Brainard C. Burbank, J.F. Good.

90 years ago: Edward P. Lyon advertised made-to-measure blue serge suits for $22.50.

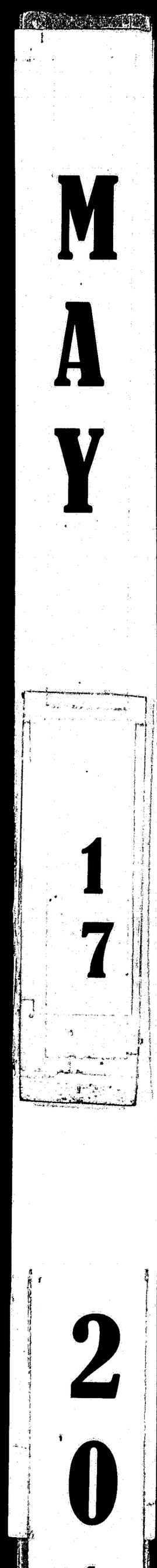
A new Chevrolet touring car, completely equipped, was $615 at Herrick Brothers Company.

Deaths: Dorothy Ernestine Stearns, Charles House

100 years ago: Maud Vail was teaching in Grafton.

The Gould's Academy endowment was listed at $6,000.

110 years ago: A forest fire in North Albany burned about 20,000 hardwood logs belonging to Paris Manufacturing Company.



Letters

WATCH OUT WORLD

To the Editor:

I want to publicly congratulate Rijah Newell for receipt of the 2012 Emerging Artist Scholarship from the Celebration Barn Theater.

This multi-talented and deeply passionate artist is ultimately deserving of this award, as one who has directly and significantly contributed to the evolution of what is now recognized as the vibrant and growing Oxford Hills arts scene.

As an activist, environmentalist, and self-taught performer, this one-woman army pulled together the most original and relevant street theater with teams of dedicated volunteers, who started using trash to build giant theatrical puppets for environmental-based performances.

Trash Into Art was born and so was her coordination of the Annual Norway Earth Day Celebration. Shortly after, her talents were scooped up by the Norway Arts Festival to develop what became the most vibrant, diverse and serious performance component the festival had in 45 years.

OK, so then she builds an event, the likes of which I have never witnessed in all of western Maine: Circus Olé and Feast of Fools.

This animal-free circus with fire eaters, trapeze artists, stilt walkers, and giant puppet elephants, penguins, giraffes, lions, tigers and more drew hundreds of people from all demographic profiles from all reaches of western Maine and beyond.

No event I have ever directed or been a part of has ever succeeded in drawing such a broad group of people into one place to have a cultural experience.

This area is truly fortunate to have a person of her drive and talent, who can make such a significant impact as an individual.

I can't even image what kind of artist explosion will happen once she has studied with the world-class performers and teachers of the Celebration Barn.

Watch out world! Congratulations Rijah!

Aranka Matolcsy
South Paris

Dog Park

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teers would seek grant money and private donations, Wight said.

"The more we can get done with volunteer efforts, the better."

The group has talked with other towns that have dog parks to get ideas.

"There's a lot of etiquette surrounding dog parks," said Wight. "It's all about socialization of the dogs."

The dog-park group plans to meet May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Mahoosuc Land Trust building (the former U.S. Forest Service office on Route 2 in Bethel). Anyone interested in the project is invited to attend.

"A lot of people are excited," said Wight. "We'll see what we can do."

Budget

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the individual towns.

The proposal, if approved by voters, would mean a 1.27 percent overall increase in the local share of the school budget cost.

Thanks to a boost in revenues, for the first time in several years the School Board is not faced with the prospect of eliminating jobs and/or programs to make a budget financially palatable to local taxpayers.

Also factored into the budget is part of the operating cost for the Andover Elementary School.

Under a recent agreement between the town of Andover and the district, Andover will pay less additional money (over its usual district share) next year to operate AES - $68,000 compared to $214,000 this year.

The difference will be added to the overall SAD 44 local share, which will increase by $95,844 to $7,658,995, a 1.27 percent hike. The increase broken down by towns is as follows: Andover 2.8 percent (not including the extra $68,000, or subtracting this year's $214,000); Bethel 1.3 percent; Greenwood 3.13 percent; Newry .9 percent and Woodstock -.2 percent.

The breakdowns do not include the proposed Adult Education budget.

Briefly

Area Head Start cuts expected

REGION—The West Bethel Children's Center and other Oxford and Franklin County Head Start centers are awaiting the fallout of the Legislature's $2 million cut in statewide funding for Head Start. Director Deb Florenz of Community Concepts, which oversees the Oxford and Franklin County programs, said Monday she is uncertain what the implications of cuts will be for West Bethel and other regional centers. The West Bethel Children's Center serves 18 preschoolers in Head Start and 11 younger children in Early Head Start. Children qualify for Head Start based on family income. Early Head Start serves low-income families with infants and toddlers, and pregnant women. Florenz said her programs receive a total of $147,000 from the state's General Fund, which in turn generates $600,000 in federal matching funds. The state cut would likely mean cuts equivalent to 18 children and five staff members throughout the two counties, she said. In addition, another three employees could have hours reduced. A total of 511 children receive services in the two counties, and about 130 people are employed, said Florenz. Also targeted for cutting are funds for home visits (to provide counseling on health and parenting issues) for low-income families with children, and child care subsidies for parents who work or are continuing educational studies. Currently, Florenz said, no families at the West Bethel Center received child-care vouchers. Home visitation numbers can vary according to priorities throughout the two counties, she said.

Firefighters here this weekend

BETHEL— The sixth annual Western Maine Fire Attack School will take place this weekend in Bethel. More than 100 firefighters from Maine and New Hampshire are expected. They will train on such topics as firefighter survival, thermal imaging cameras and vehicle extrication and stabilization. The vehicle training will take place at the Bethel Airport. Vehicles to be used include a logging skidder, a highway truck and a school bus, according to Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey. Firefighter survival training will take place on the second floor at the Town Office.

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a position, as town officials will not receive as many calls and requests for the information.

Property owners will have the ability to "opt out" of having their information on the O'Donnell website. However, it will still be available at the town office.

Maxfield said the online service is a convenience.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, selectmen directed Maxfield to ask the Maine Department of Transportation to review the McCrillis Brook Road for a possible posted speed limit.

Selectman Rick Young said he had received a complaint from a resident on the Bethel section of the road about vehicles "racing" up and down, endangering dogs and children.

"There have been a lot of out-of-state license plates," said Young.

He said the Oxford County Sheriff's Department has responded to the road several times in the past two weeks, but without a posted speed limit, enforcement is difficult.

The road resident who contacted Young asked for a limit in the 30 to 35-mile-per-hour range, he said.

Young also said he received a request from a Bethel resident to pay to drop off his trash at the Greenstock Transfer Station on Route 26, because it is convenient for him as he commutes to work.

Selectmen were cautious of such a precedent, but said they would raise the question at the next meeting of the transfer station board.

In other business the board:

* Prioritized town roads for improvement work, coming up with the following order: Old County Road, Town Officer entrance, Bird Hill Road, Heikkinen Road, Church Street and Dudley Road, and they voted to put out to bid road improvement work on the Concord Pond Road.

* Again discussed the issue of winter maintenance for the Billings Hill Road with road residents. A letter from the town attorney regarding town responsibilities/liabilities left the board concerned the lawyer had not had sufficient information for his opinion. They decided to ask for clarification.

* Learned from Maxfield that several letters have been received expressing concerns about negative effects of the Spruce Mountain Wind towers.

Signs

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too inflexible, and that the new directional signs were inadequate for bringing customers to local businesses.

Attempts were made over the years to tweak the ordinance, but to little avail.

"It's just not working," Town Manager Jim Doar said at the ORC meeting.

But while the Savages' petition calls for totally eliminating the ordinance, others have argued for charging a new committee or task force to take a comprehensive look at it and recommend what changes need to be made.

In a letter to the selectmen the Chamber of Commerce wrote: "We have been made aware by our business members of the general dissatisfaction with both the Sign Ordinance, as well as the Directional Sign Ordinance as a sub-section, and we would request that a Facilitated Task Force or Task Forces be appointed to review and make recommendations for changes to these important guiding documents.

"The Bethel Area Chamber's mission is 'to encourage a climate where businesses can flourish,' and it is our opinion that the current ordinance is not business-friendly. We appreciate your consideration of the Task Force approach."

Al Cressy and others at Monday's meeting seconded that view. "If something is broken, let's try to fix it," Cressy said.

But ultimately, and without taking a position on the question of a committee or task force, the selectmen concluded that given the number of people who had signed the petition it would be unfair not to put it before town meeting voters and let them have their say.

The vote was three to one, with selectmen Don Bennett, Bob Everett and Pat Carter voting to go to town meeting, and Stan Howe voting against. Selectman Lloyd Sweetser, who had signed the petition, abstained.

Special-interest 'kibosh'

The petition, however, will not go to voters as written.

The original reads: "Signature sheet for those who wish to abolish the Bethel Town sign ordinance as it's now written."

After reviewing it the town attorney concluded it was not legally adequate, and the selectmen agreed to have it rewritten to legal standards, while still reflecting the intent of the signers.

That did not sit well with Ron Savage.

"We apologize if it wasn't written legally," he said, "but it's kind of a little bit ridiculous to continue to spend taxpayer money to have an attorney because of special interests trying to put the kibosh on it."

Dunkin

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out to go to the bathroom, he was gone.

"There was no way he got out on his own," Smith said. "I knew he was taken."

She called the South Paris police.

When going into class earlier, she had noticed a car parked next to the truck, red with distinctive black markings on the doors.

She mentioned that to the police, who advised that if she saw the car again to take down the license plate and call them back.

"So I rode around looking for it," Smith said.

She also stopped in at the Norway Veterinary Hospital and the local animal shelter, where she left descriptions of Dunkin.

When she returned home, she went to the Facebook page of Oxford Hill Swap and Save, and posted his picture and a description.

About 7 that evening a women replied: "I know where your dog is. Call."

Smith did, "and she told me who she thought had taken Dunkin."

She called Dispatch.

An officer called the woman. He was already familiar with her, and knew that she owned a car matching Smith's description of the one that had been parked next to her.

The woman at first denied having a dog, then admitted to having one, but said she had found it wandering."

Unconvinced by the changing stories, the officer told her: "We know you have the dog. You need to meet me within the hour with him or I'm going to have to put you in jail."

She did, and was summonsed for possession of stolen property.

"Since they couldn't prove she had taken it," Smith said.

She and a friend met the officer at the Lake Store, and Dunkin came home.

Smith said she later learned that the truck could, in fact, be locked, but for now she plans to leave Dunkin at home, where friends can keep an eye on him.

Savage

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for his brother, who got up and went to the door. Yelling could be heard outside. It concluded with a loud and clear "M------ F-----!"

A deputy could then be heard ordering Ron Savage to return to the meeting room.

He did.

The terrorizing charge was "for making threats toward the town manager," Landis said.

Savage was booked at the Oxford County Jail in Paris and released on bail Tuesday afternoon, according to jail records.

An investigation into the incident will continue, Landis said.

This is not the first time Rick Savage or his brother have been involved in incidents with town officials or citizens in matters related to ordinances or their enforcement.

In 2007 he angrily confronted then Town Manager Scott Cole in his office and shouting that the town was harassing him and threatening his business.

The ten-minute conversation included swearing and insults hurled at Cole.

According to the town manager, Savage then came around Cole's desk, stood less than 12 inches in front of him and began shaking a fist within inches of his face.

He also warned that the Bethel police ought to "watch out" and refrain from harassing his trucks or his men.

Savage was charged with terrorizing, but in return for the state not prosecuting, he agreed to have no contact with Cole for a year, except during public meetings.

In November 2009 he and then Code Enforcement Officer Bob Folsom had a confrontation in the Crossroads Diner that ended with Folsom punching Savage in the face.

No charges resulted from that incident, due to conflicting accounts from witnesses.

Also that year his brother Ron, an opponent of a proposed land-use ordinance in Greenwood, called one of the plan's supporters, who lived on the shore of Twitchell Pond, and left a message that in:

"Hi, Dave, Ron Savage calling.

"Sorry I didn't get to you in person, but I got your voice mail here. You'll have a recording of this, so you can share it with the rest of the people around the pond.

"Just want to let you know I'm on my way down to the boatyard, and I'm picking up a couple of pontoon boats today, and we're going to park them about five feet off your property line, down on the beach, and we're going to have a little bit of a party during the summer down there.

"About five feet off the shoreline would do pretty well.

"We're gonna wear one of those Canadian Speedos, and we're gonna ..." [sentence not completed].

"You want to mess with my property rights, we're going to mess with yours, Buddy.

"So when you're looking out front, you and your buddy Al, my brother Rick and I and a bunch of our friends will be out there partying, about five feet off the lakefront."

"All right? You just let me know what favorite color boat you want me to buy and I'm going to buy it for you.

"Have a nice day."

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I just love a church rummage sale. I love yard sales too, but church rummage sales are even better.

For one thing, the prices of stuff at church rummage sales are really, really low, which I like very much. And, unlike a yard sale where one, two or maybe three families put their collective stuff out for sale, at a rummage sale there are many people donating stuff. Some of that stuff is great and some of it is just plain weird. I'm always drawn to the weird.

A few years ago I bought a strange looking glass tube that had a hole in the bottom and a glass plunger that was wrapped in heavy string. I had no clue what it was, but found it just weird enough to strike my fancy and for only a quarter I figured, what the heck.

I carried it around in my pocketbook for a while and would take it out to show people every now and then asking if they knew what it was. No one did.

I even took it into an antique shop to see if the shop owner could identify it. Other than to confirm that it was very old the shop owner had no idea either.

Finally, my curiosity got the better of me so I listed it on eBay as a "Weird Glass Tube With Glass Plunger." In the description I stated that I had no clue as to what I was selling and asked if anyone knew and would be so kind as to let me know I would truly appreciate such information. I put a price of $1 on it and really didn't care, if it sold; I just want to know what in heck it was.

A few antique dealers and a couple of doctors emailed me and all agreed that the strange device was over 100 years old and it was, (are you ready for this?) an antique vaginal applicator.

That's a deal I just can't pass up but certainly should.

I can't tell you how many times I washed my hands after finding out what I'd been handling, but I can tell you that the darn thing sold or $25. So, this proves my point that one can find some pretty weird things at church rummage sales and it also proves that there are weirder people than yours truly and they're willing to spend $25 to prove it.

Some churches will have a bag sale at the end of the rummage sale. This is when you can buy garbage bags for a buck each and fill them with whatever you want. That's a deal I just can't pass up but certainly should.

For only a buck a bag I will fill several of them with the most useless stuff you can imagine. I tell myself that I'll find a use, but seldom do. In fact, my attic is full of such bags.

Once I took my grandsons with me to a bag sale and gave them each a couple of dollars. Let me tell you, those kids had more fun filling those bags than just about anything. The bags found their way to my house and were dumped on the living room floor for further exploration. That provided a few more hours of entertainment for the grandsons and a few hours of picking up after the fact for me. Those bags of stuff are still in my attic.

Maybe it's time for me to drag all those bags of stuff out of the attic and have a yard sale. I would certainly have some of the lowest prices and some of the weirdest stuff around. I might even make a dollar or two.

The way I see it whatever doesn't sell I can just bag up and donate to a church for their next rummage sale. Then I would go to that sale and probably buy half of the stuff back only to put it in my attic once again.

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 8

At 3:11 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report of a domestic problem.

Wednesday, May 9

At 10:52 a.m. Cpl. Brian Landis received a report of a juvenile with smokeless tobacco on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel.

At 8:38 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a car-moose accident. The moose took off, but there was damage to the car.

At 8:57 p.m. a report was received of a subject at work in Bethel who was intoxicated and harassing the complainant. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 9:25 p.m. a caller on Crescent Lane in Bethel reported hearing kids skateboarding on the roof.

Thursday, May 10

At 8:50 a.m. a report was received of sexual abuse of a minor in Albany. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 4:24 p.m. a report was received of the theft of metal on the Walkers Mills Road. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

Friday, May 11

At 9:47 a.m. a caller on the Rabbit Road in Bethel reported the theft of an aluminum boat during the winter, along with two iron wheels.

(Time not listed) a caller reported a single-vehicle rollover on Main Street in Hanover, with a subject bleeding from the head and having leg pain. Deputies Josh Wyman and Mike Halacy responded.

Saturday, May 12

At 9:52 a.m. a caller on Cross Street in Bethel reported harassment. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 10:46 a.m. a report was received of an assault in Albany. A subject was treated at a hospital emergency room. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

At 2:16 p.m. a Chapman Street caller reported that a subject had found copper pipe on the porch of her house that had been taken from the house. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 6:15 p.m. a caller reported a possible burglary on Vernon Street in Bethel. Deputy George Cayer responded.

Sunday, May 13

At 9:32 a.m. a caller reported that a Woodstock cabin had been burglarized, with property damage. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 1:13 p.m. a caller reported that a vehicle with Florida plates had been driving recklessly on the McCrillis Brook Road. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 6:10 p.m. a caller on Rumford Avenue in Woodstock reported someone had stolen a safe with medication in it. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

(Time not listed) a caller on the Cushman Hill Road in Woodstock reported a suspicious vehicle traveling on posted property. Deputy George Cayer responded and learned the subjects in the vehicle were "roosting" turkeys.

Oxford County Jail Log:

(Bethel region)

May 13, 7:45 p.m.: Robert L. Taylor Jr., 52, of Bryant Pond, disorderly conduct, failure to submit to arrest; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

May 14, 10:27 p.m.: Rick A. Savage, 48, of Bethel, disorderly conduct, failure to submit to arrest, terrorizing; by Deputy Chris Davis in Bethel.

Bethel Veterans' Monument List

The following is Part 4 of Veterans from World War II who went in from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason. Based on information acquired through the Maine Archives, the Mundt Allen Post #81 and other sources, the following veterans may be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll for the Town. All names have been cross checked to their headstone for the correct spelling of the name. Please look at the names and let a committee member know if there should be any additions, deletions or information added to this list, and if so, the documentation. If you see a deceased veteran on this list and no cemetery listed and they are deceased, please let a committee member know where they are buried. If you see your name on this list please provide the committee member with a copy of your discharge paperwork (DD 215, DD215 or WD form) for your eligibility to be included on the honor roll.

Anyone who has served in any branch of the military to include Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves are eligible to be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll as long as Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason have been listed as their home of record on their DD214, DD215 or WD form and show an honorable discharge. On older DD forms, Home of Record won't be listed, but residence will be, so residence will be used for eligibility.

If you need a copy of your DD forms, you can contact the Bureau of Maine Veteran's Services @ 207-430-6035 and request an application to apply for your DD form for proof of residence or Home of Record. You can also order your military records by going online to: www.vetrecs.archives.gov fill out the form online, print it, sign it and send it in. Or you can request Form SF 180 from the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Mo 63138. They will send the form for your completion, you will send it back to them at the address indicated on the form and they will send you a copy of your records. There is no charge for this service.

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Please get back to the following committee members by May 31 with any information. Mail or e-mail any changes of information to: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, ME 04217 e-mail: carjar95@megalink.net or call 207-357-2772; or Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, e-mail: rlgx2@megalink.net or call 207-836-2802.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT

Theatre Week in Bethel

Bethel's public was handed three excellent chances to enjoy the performing arts this past week. However, having three performances dropped on you so to speak in three days invites comparison.

"The Sound of Music" presented at Gould Academy was perhaps the most ambitious production ever attempted in Bethel. Considering the show's cast of both students, adults and children, it was also extraordinarily well done. A special double "Oscar" award must go to Abbie Goldberg who played Maria. An Oscar also to Amalia Siegel, as Liesl von Trapp, Reed Thurston as Captain von Trapp and Paige Conroy as Mother Abbess. All of the "von Trapp" children were outstanding; we noticed a number of faculty names in this group.

Good old Max, played by Zee Krstic, an affable, didn't give a damn (fictional) friend of the von Trapp's takes over in solving family problems with an air of so-what and plenty of humor.

Technical support for these shows increases with each production opening the show with a video and vocal solo was another plus. It was nice to see Brendon Bass and Patricia Boyle-Wight in the orchestra pit. And again Jim McLaughlin gets an Oscar for directing and piano. A big "Wow" was heard as the stage curtain opened showing the von Trapp villa set. (See online Bethel News for photos.)

"Grease" presented at Telstar made for another great night at the theatre. Tom Coolidge and his team hit another home run. "Grease" is "Guys and Dolls" but in a high school setting. We don't know if Telstar and Gould feel like they are competing in their spring shows, but these May performances certainly bring out the best in both student bodies. The "Guys" in leather jackets and grease haircuts could not have been better. Gabe Aguilar as Danny got our attention from the very start. I loved the part of Miss Lynch played by Anna Tyrina.

"Wheels" on stage was a big surprise in this one. How half a car made it there is best left unsaid. But having a real car for the drive-in movie scene gave the show a good "Grease" touch. Good guy, part nerd, James Lowell as Teen Angel played his part perfectly.

Emily Bellinger gets my double Oscar for her role as Sandy. She was showing promise last year in Beauty and the Beast but her talent really shone through in Grease, especially at the end in the "we're all together now scene" where she joins the guys and dolls. Her talent made the show's final scene a "Wow."

Not to be overlooked the Pit, directed by Mrs. Jennifer Bennett, tied the whole show together so a special Oscar to the musicians and Liz Smith, guest piano player. Casey Kellner on the bass guitar was the guy dressed for the occasion real cool hat.

Bethel Community Players in "The Butler Did It" event number three of Bethel's theatre week tripped the boards at the Bethel Inn on Friday and Saturday as a dinner show. As you might guess from the title, a murder mystery cast in the Agatha Christie style, with Miss Maple who invites a group of well-known mystery writers to Ravenswood manor. Each writer is expected to come dressed as and to act the part of, their trademark fictional character. And Roberta Taylor as Father White dressed clerically; Norm Milliard as Louis Fan dressed Mandarin-ally; Carole Timberlake as Laura Carlyle dressed fashionably with elegantly stylish cigarette holder; Ross Timberlake as Chandler Marlowe dressed Philip Marlowely in trench coat with crumpled fedora.

As guests start arriving and maid/butler Haversham serves wine, surprise, one of them drops dead. The victim utters his last words, "I'm dead!" Well what do we do now? Roll the body into a sheet and drag the victim out of here. Now what? Naturally, from now on, in typical mystery writer fashion everyone is given a turn as suspect. And guess who did it?

I won't tell. Why? Well I found on the Web that Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN, had performed "The Butler Did It" but did not reveal who done it.

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done inside the Head of School's home. Since early January, demolition, rebuilding of interior rooms, re-engineering and adding a closed-in porch/sun room has occurred.

Dave Berry, Denny Wheeler, floors and painting, and Brooks Morton, tile and etc's, and others have had their hands full with a deadline of the end of May.

Jeff Angevine gave me a tour of the job last Friday pointing out some of the major changes. A few of the more interesting jobs are: the master bedroom was greatly enlarged by tearing out old closets and repositioning them, replacing windows with energy efficient ones, cleaning and repainting radiators plus of course an enclosed porch.

Steam heated and will continue to heat the house. Previously the heating system was a one zone affair; now there are 14 zones with digital controls but still each room has steam heat. Terra cotta colored tile has been laid in bathrooms and kitchen floors. New counters for the kitchen are due Tuesday.

Head contractor Berry commented that the job turned out to be much more than anyone thought it would be at the beginning. Meanwhile the Kunkles moved out and into the house on Chapman Street that was formerly Bob and Ginny Keniston's home.

Seen in some of the interior second floor walls are the retained inside slope from the original 1930-31 building's gambrel roof. The house seen today came from a 1958-59 facelift job but with the Roman column entrance retained.

Proportions of the building's front remained about 5 to 1, the entrance with columns taking up one-fifth of the front.

For this week's online Bethel News and photos click www.thebethel-journals.info/_News/_Bethel051412.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

Despite a frost last week, local gardeners are beginning to harvest produce. This week's yield included rhubarb, chives, and other herbs. Visitors to Bethel from upstate New York expressed surprise at the size of freshly harvested rhubarb, remarking that theirs was only half the height.

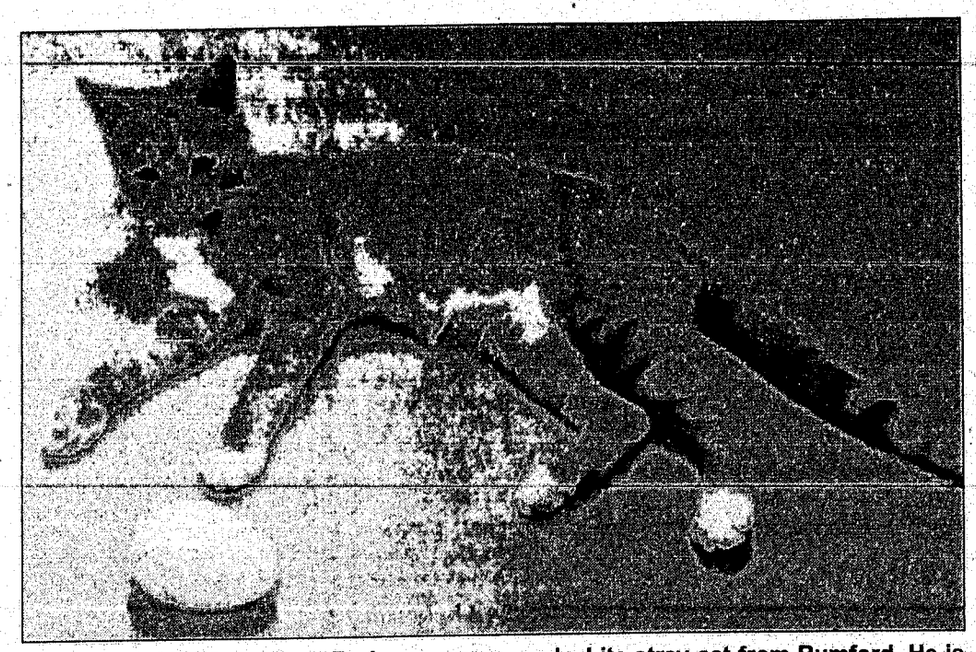
Locally grown produce can be purchased at the Bethel Farmer's Market, which will open for the season on Saturday, May 26. The market is located next door to the Norway Savings Bank at the corner of Route 2 and the Parkway. The hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market offers local products, including vegetables, fruits, berries, herbs, eggs, cheese, meat, seafood, honey, and baked goods. The market will be open on Saturdays from May 26 through Oct. 6.

The Bethel Library has a new web page at www.bethellibraryassociation.org. The website highlights pictures of the library, information on events, new book listings, and links to Maine State library resources. The site allows easy access to e-books for library patrons.

The first meeting of supporters of the Bethel Dog Park is next week. If you support the creation of a protected, safe, fenced-in dog park, please come to the meeting on Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. at the Mahoosuc Land Trust on Route 2 next to the Crossroads Diner. For more information, call Judith at 836-2100 or Steve at 890-9356.

It's yard sale season and the biggest (and best) local yard sale is coming up on Saturday, May 26. The annual St. Never's Day Sale, which is sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, takes place at the corner of Broad and Mason streets, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The society accepts donations of items in good condition, including furniture, household goods, and tools. They do not accept clothing, computers, tires, or items in poor condition. Donations can be dropped off on Stan Howe's side porch at 18 Broad Street, or the back porch of the historical society. For more information, call 824-2908 or (800)824-2910.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancy-



UP FOR ADOPTION-This is Rudy, an orange-and-white stray cat from Rumford. He is about 6 months old, neutered, leukemia tested and has had vaccines. He is ready to go to his forever home. He is very active, loves attention, but does not like to be held, so probably would not be good for small children. He would make a good family pet for older children. He loves to play, but can get rough. Anyone interested may contact the Bethel Animal Hospital. *(Submitted photo)*

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

I hope all the Moms had a great Mother's Day.

Arlene Harrington got to enjoy two Mother's Days, as on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith, Mr.and Mrs. Gary Fuller, Gloria Crockett and Mr. and Mrs. Cane Bean all came to celebrate with her. Sunday she spent the day with her granddaughter in Andover.

Ann Crockett attended her sister Jane's graduation from Thomas College.

Congratulations, Jane!

Sunday, Anne, Paige and Teddy went to Waterville to see Ann's Mom, Pauline. What a perfect day for Paige and Teddy to meet Pauline for the first time.

This week I have a new Trivia question for you,"Who was on the summer Road crew in the 1920's?

Please, make sure to call me with your answers at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Let's hope that this rain will stop soon so we can enjoy the outdoors. And, yes, mow the lawn. In closing here is the current Event Calender: May 19--East Bethel Cemetery Clean-up Day; May 28--Annual East Bethel Church Meeting.

If you get the chance, come see me at the INNside Shop.

We are open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH

This Saturday, May 19, will be busy around town with a couple of interesting activities. The Andover Service Circle is sponsoring their annual clean-up day to remove trash, cans and bottles from the roadsides. Participants may gather at the Town Hall between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Bags and gloves will be provided and suggested routes for clean-up will be made by ASC members. At noon all participants are invited back to the hall for refreshments. Meanwhile, the May Fair event featuring crafts and food will be going on in the CEB at the First Congregational Church. Proceeds from this event will go to the Hungry Kingdom Project which feeds our school children, breakfast, lunch and a snack milk for the entire year.

Jarod S. Deanis and his fiance, Tanya Berry, graduated Saturday, May 12, from Thomas College in Waterville. Both were honor students, Jarod Cum Laude and Tanya Summa Cum Laude. Jarod is the grandson of Gerald and Helen Deanis of Andover. Tanya is the daughter of Jodie Matolcsy and Brad Berry of West Paris. They plan to marry on June 23.

If you are spring cleaning and have hazardous household waste, remember there will be a disposal day at the Town Transfer Station from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Residents are reminded to properly dispose of these items to protect our environment.

Invitations have gone out from the Andover Alumni Association for this year's banquet honoring the Class of 2012 which will take place on Saturday, May 26, at the Andover Elementary School gym. If you haven't received an invitation, please contact Melinda Averill at 392-2941. Alumni weekend falls on Memorial Day weekend and there will be a number of activities of interest including a Baccalaureate Service for the graduates at the First Congregational Church at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

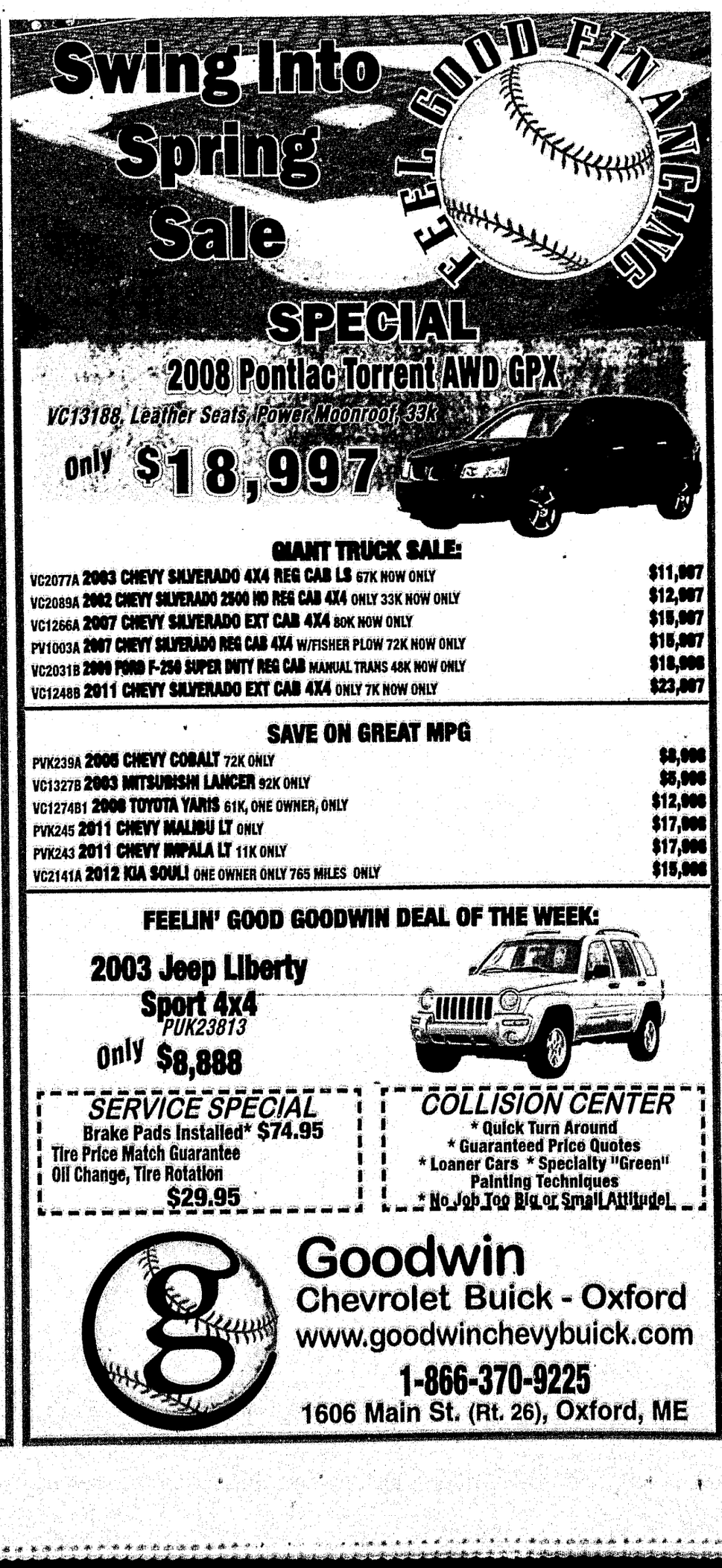
The Knights of Pythias will be sponsoring the annual Memorial Day Service honoring veterans on the Common at 9 a.m., followed by refreshments in the Town Hall.

The Andover Water District has announced their annual meeting to be held Memorial Day at 6 p.m. in the Christian Education Building. District customers are urged to attend this meeting.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

Greetings from Albany via East Bethel! I am at Doug and Jen's for a Mother's Day dinner of lobsters and fiddleheads, all our favorites.



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DINNER THEATER DRAMA-The Bethel Community Players murder mystery dinner theater play, "The Butler Did It,"took place May 11 and 12 at The Bethel Inn. The comedy spoofed English mystery plays, with an American flavor, and included running gags, puns, melodramas and mistaken identities. Here, in a dress rehearsal last week, (left) Lori Hoeh portrays Haversham the maid, while (above) Norm Milliard (Louie Fan) accuses Rosabelle Tifft (Rita) of a crime, as Carole Timberlake (Laura Carlyle) looks on. *(Photos: A. Aloisio)*

We have had a busy weekend attending the musical, "Grease" at Telstar which was very entertaining. Last night Bella spent the night with me and we went to Melby's for dinner and did puzzles while watching T.V. Came back to Doug and Jen's this noontime and then we went to Young's Greenhouse to buy plants for Jen and I for Mother's Day. My other two boys called me and wished me a happy day.

Margaret Barton and Jane Wardwell attended "Grease" at Telstar Saturday night. On Thursday night several Albany people attended "Grease" at Telstar to enjoy the wonderful performance of the players as well as the music provided by the Pit crew led by my daughter in-law, Jennifer Bennett.

Norma Salway attended the play, "Wizard of Oz" presented by Deering High School in Portland. On Saturday she attended a family get-together at the home of Bernie and Kassi Gatchell in honor of their daughter, Kati, who graduated from USM with a degree in Biology.

Have a good week everyone. Hope the sun makes a few more appearances! I am tired of the rain.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

The big news of the week is the annual town meeting this Saturday, May 19. 9 a.m., at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road.

This is the chance for all Greenwood voters to express their opinions, concerns, and ideas about what is going on in our town. We also get to vote on all the items on the agenda. It is a good example of democracy at its best. You can be sure you can't look to Augusta or Washington for that! And, depending on how long the meeting lasts, you can buy a good lunch there prepared by the Ladies' Auxillary of the American Legion.

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said the hot topic of this town meeting will be the future use of Johnny's Bridge. Glad I stirred up some interest with my comments a few weeks ago. It was good to read Arnie Jordan's impassioned letter to the editor of this paper last week. While he and I have a difference of opinion about Johnny's Bridge, what is most important is taking the time to express our opinions about community issues. If we, the voters, ever stop doing that, our towns, state, and nation will become ones run by industries and special interests. Come to town meeting and express your opinions and cast your votes to get a real idea of democracy. And have a great lunch.

While we are on the local government topic, Greenwood needs a new member for the SAD 44 School Board. Stacey Sandvoss has represented us on the School Board but will not be able to run again. If you have an interest in serving, please contact Town Manager Kim Sparks (875-2426) on or before Friday, May 18. It will be added to the agenda for Saturday's Town Meeting.

And, one last government-type item. Absentee ballots are available at the town office for the primary elections. The democrat and republican primaries are June 12, and the school budget referendum will be on the same ballot. There is a public hearing on the SAD 44 budget Tuesday, May 29.

Last week Carol Savage, Mike Daniels, and I took a professional photographer from Germany up to the Greenwood ice caves. She had been visiting various Rotaries throughout the US and was spending three days with the Bethel Rotary. We climbed all over the ice caves and she was quite impressed by them. In fact, she said it was the best experience of her three weeks in the US. She plans to write about the ice cave trip upon her return to Germany.

Dave and Sue Perham and their new kitten, Flip, returned to their camp on Round Pond the first week of May. It is always great to see them and all our other summer friends return. Sympathies to Dave and Sue on the death of his brother in April.

I've been off and away in southeast Alaska recently. Another beautiful place in the world. It reminded me somewhat of Maine: it has a strong coastal fishing industry; much of the population is concentrated in several coastal cities; there is quite an economic difference between the coast and inland; and many of the people there are strong, independent, and opinionated. Our lumber industry still is viable but theirs died out due to lack of business from Japan, their major market.

Ralph and Lorene Mills and Lorraine Larson recently accompanied Marcia Smith to Jay, Maine where they met up with Don and Jane Smith at their home there. Marcia spent the last two weeks visiting her mother, Lorraine Larson, at her home on the Knoll. Don and Jane then took Marcia to Bangor where Marcia's husband, Jon, met them. After having lunch together in Bangor, Don and Jane returned home to Jay. Marcia and Jon stayed in Bangor overnight and returned home to Easton.

Our ponds are filling up with creatures from wood frogs and spring peepers to quite an assortment of waterfowl. Mallards, black ducks, common and hooded mergansers, great blue herons, Canada geese, kingfishers, loons, and bald eagles are here. I have not seen the peregrines again. Maybe they moved to the cliffs on North or Twitchell ponds. It is about time for the ospreys to show up. If anyone sees them, please let me know.

One creature no longer around is my wonderful cat Cosmo. At 14-plus years old, he simply curled up and died several weeks ago. Our animals bring such joy to our lives. I wish they could all live as long as we humans do. Here is a toast to all the great animals we share our lives with.

You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed Mother's Day this year. There was some morning sun. A brief thunderstorm came through in the afternoon and there was a beautiful double rainbow.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house Saturday and we went over to the Town Hall to check out Linda Taylor's Yard Sale. She is having another one on Memorial Day weekend.

Steve and Lise McLain went to Gorham, N.H., last Sunday. They had dinner at Mr. Pizza to celebrate Mother's Day.

Tim, Michele, Ajay and Sidney stopped by Sunday on their way back from Portland. They wanted to wish me a Happy Mother's Day and drop off a plant for my new planter. Chris called in the evening to add his wishes for a Happy Mother's Day. Right after Chris' call, our grandson, Ben Chapman, called from Florida. He is finishing up his year of school in Georgia and then will be able to come to Maine for a visit before he heads for the US Coast Guard Academy in late June. He was in Florida with his class doing a marine bio expedition in the Gulf of Mexico. They have been doing a lot of snorkeling and have had a chance to swim with dolphins and big sea turtles while collecting samples from the Gulf to take back to the lab for analysis.

The hummingbirds returned a few days earlier than usual. Usually, we see the first ones on Mother's Day, but this year they appeared during the week before. It is very hard to count how many there are, but we have seen two males and two females at once between the feeder and the bush by the end of the driveway.

The little chipmunk family has appeared again. While we were relaxing in the swing last Sunday, there was the one who is usually around and one that was just a little smaller with it. The smaller one kept trying to keep up with the bigger one, but could not quite master how to jump from one place to another and kept falling off onto the ground. The little one gave up after awhile and went back down the hole in the lawn. A little while later, two little heads popped up to watch the bigger one gather seeds.

Dona Taylor's mother, Mary Hester, has returned to Washington State after

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a three-week visit at Joe and Dona's. Mary is planning on moving back to Maine later this year.

Gilead Historical Society

Norm Buttrick was in town this past weekend and stopped by to check out the yard sale on Saturday. He also wanted to see the progress on the schoolhouse renovations. Hugh took the negatives that Tammy MacDormand had found that were in an envelope that was marked Gilead and had pictures made up. Tammy stopped to pick them up. We were hoping that we could recognize the people in the picture, but could not.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

GOLDEN SHEAF CERTIFICATE RECIPIENT-Mary Jo Head Butler (right) was awarded the Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 years of service to the Pleasant Valley Grange May 5. Grange Master John Applin welcomed grange members, friends and family to the ceremony and celebration. The Golden Sheaf Certificate is awarded to those who have given a half century of service to the order, to agriculture and to mankind. The award was acknowledged by the Maine State Grange and issued by the National Grange in Washington D. C. Although Mary has lived in Union, Maine since 1970, she has maintained her membership in the Pleasant Valley Grange and stayed connected to family, friends and members of the grange through frequent visits. With Butler in the photo is Pleasant Valley Grange lecturer Sue Ellen Richardson. The Grange was founded in the 1860s by Oliver Hudson Kelly and others interested in sound agricultural practices. "The Pleasant Valley Grange displays fruits, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, fancy work, and flowers, among other items, at the Oxford and Fryeburg County Fairs each year. We also purchase seeds cooperatively to get the best prices," said Master Applin. For more information about the grange, contact Master Applin at 836-3421 or be a guest at the monthly dinner and meeting.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library has begun the annual plant sale at the Ferry Road location. Donations of plants from home gardens are welcome and you may as well pick up a new flower for your garden. Meanwhile the youngsters that work in the Children's Garden this summer will have a chance to sit and rest or learn with the recently installed picnic table. John and Louise Morton recently donated the table and John has been busy making some repairs and dressing it with a new coat of paint.

Beginning June 6 the baked beans will be sold on Wednesday along with the book bakery rather than Saturday.

New books at the library are (Pict. Rd2) Tinker Bell, Look and Fins from Disney; Betrayal, Danielle Steel; The Lost Years, Mary Higgins Clark; Calico Joe, John Grisham; The Remarkable Creatures, Tracy Chevalier; Brotherhood Chronicles Bk/ 1 Outcast, John Flanagan; Knit Two (Friday Night Knitter: Bk. 3), Kate Jacobs; 50 Shades of Gray, 50 Shades Darker, 50 Shades Free all by E.L James; Brotherband Chronicles Bk 2 The Invaders, John Flanagan; Kane Chronicles Bk 3 the Serpent's Shadow and Lullaby, Robert Parker.

The library event tent has been placed between the library and Hanover Town Office. Clean-up work was done in the wooded area between Main Street and Ferry Road. Gardner Roberts Memorial is celebrating five years at the new site and planning for success continues. It is truly an asset for the area. The annual meeting will be in July.

Friday, May 11, a car swerved off Route 2 near the Brown Road eastern entrance. The vehicle bottomed out in the ditch, hit a side road and rolled over. The driver, who complained of head injuries, was extricated from his damaged vehicle. At the scene were Oxford County Sheriffs Department, Rumford Fire Department and Med-Care Ambulance.

Gradually the folks who go to warmer places are working their way back. Among those returning are Warren and Marcia Stearns, Barbara Butler and Bob and Lucy Reiner. Irv and Barbara Robinson are home now after a trip to Germany. Their grandson traveled with them.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m. in the school. They will be working on plans for the trip to Forest Lodge to clean the houses. The trip will be June 23. Anyone interested in helping please come to the meeting, or contact a member of the society. They will also discuss the tour to Forest Lodge scheduled to take place July 14,[?] more details to follow.

Upton Fun Day, Aug. 18, is coming fast. Help will be needed with a variety of projects. The theme for the parade this year is; Logging, Then and Now. The parade will need participants with twitch horses, oxen, crawlers, skidders, feller/bunchers, forwarders, logging trucks, and anything else related to logging. I will give a contact number as soon as I confirm one. If you do not have any of this, but want to be in the parade you are welcome to join in the fun. The upstairs of the school will be open Wednesdays, 1 to 4, for the public to view the Historical Society's collections of artifacts and documents. You are welcome to stay and help Deborah with her curator duties.

The Upton Ladies Aid Association invites you to join them. Members, old and new, may contact Carol Norman at 533-2028 or e-mail smilinggabby@yahoo.com, Leslie Aron at 533-2481 or Charlotte Dominique at pep1dom@megalink.net. Any of these ladies will be glad to send a membership application to you. The same contacts can be used to reserve a vendor site for Upton Fun Day. Sites are $10 for nonmembers or $5 for members. (dues are only $5) so you could join, pay $5 for dues, and get your site for another $5, the total would be the same, and the Ladies would have more members.

This year's Upton House charity yard sale will be held July 6, 7 and 8. Contact Upton House at 533-2061 or e-mail pep1dom@megalink.net for more information.

The Letter B Notch Riders will have their next meeting June 10, 9 a.m. in the Upton House. Write to Letter B Notch Riders, 270A Thistle Street, Upton, Maine 04261 to request more information or a membership application.

The Upton Union Church has started holding Sunday services. The services start at 5 p.m. with Reverend Jane Rich presiding.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

More Wild Weasel: My first few days at Takhli were taken up with learning the routine of an aircrew on a wartime footing, except we were on a base safe from enemy attack. I was lucky because I somehow acquired a mentor by the name of Tom Wilson. Tom was a wild weasel EWO, or "Bear," who was a veteran of more than 80 combat missions. I think he was grooming me as his replacement as he was hoping to finish his 100 within a few short days or weeks. Whether he was assigned to "bring me up to speed," or he just wanted to build my confidence, I never knew for sure, but he showed me "the ropes" both on and off base and in the air behind his pilot Jerry Hoblit.

We began our relationship by discussing our background leading up to the wild weasel mission. I don't remember his prior experience, but I do remember that when he found out I had been a B-52 EWO, he tried to build my confidence by telling me, "No Bear with a B-52 background has been shot down in Vietnam." Whether this was true or if it was because I might have been the first ex-B-52 EWO in the wild weasel program, I never learned, but it did give me a little additional confidence.

Tom also described in stark detail some of his most interesting missions and talked about some of the medals he and Jerry had earned together. He described in detail how the SA-2 missile left a huge cloud of orange smoke when the booster stage ignited and the missile leaped off its launcher and how the missiles sometimes hit the ground ahead of their aircraft when they dove steeply in evading them. He talked about how Leo Thorseness and Harry Johnson got shot down by a Mig-21 on their 97th mission. He talked about how most of our strike force commanders changed tactics with the wild weasel crews by having the weasels stay just immediately ahead of the strike force instead of 10 or 12 miles as they did before Thorseness/Johnson got shot down by the Mig. He said the one force commander who still wanted the weasels 10 – 15 miles ahead of the force was our wing commander, Colonel "Bobby Blue Eyes" Scott, who wanted the weasels to attract Migs so he (Scott) could get a Mig!

Another of Tom's observations was that no first lieutenant had completed 100 missions at Takhli, but we now had a great guy, first Lt. Paul Sheehy in our squadron who was really sharp and was going to make it. (This turned out to be true, happily!)

Being an FNG, I listened intently to everything said, but I always felt a bit skeptical, not knowing for sure how much was true and how much was exaggeration. As time went on, I found out that just about everything Wilson told me was pretty much as he stated.

Two or three days after our "easy" first mission in RP-1, near the DMZ, Sam and I were again on the schedule to fly "up country" on Hoblit/Wilson's wing. This was another mission where the bombing targets were in the northern outskirts of Hanoi, defended by multiple SAM sites. The plan was again to refuel heading north over Laos, cross into NVN from northern Laos, cross the Red River near Yen Bai and follow Thud Ridge down toward Hanoi ahead of the strike force.

Thud Ridge is a range of high mountains that rise sharply several thousand feet out of the nearly table flat Red River Delta and reach southeastward like a pointing finger from just east of Yen Bai in the north to about 20 or 30 miles north of Hanoi on their southern end, where they settle quickly back to the level of the delta. It acquired its name because it is the favored route into the Hanoi area from the north and west for Thuds bombing Hanoi targets. The reason for this is that the mountains make a SAM shield for the bombers. When SAMs are launched from one side of the ridge, the Thuds dive down the other side, leaving the missiles to harmlessly impact the ridges. The mountains are so sheer that few roads or defenses exist there, and the only structures appear to be resorts built by the French colonials as retreats where they could escape the summer heat and humidity of the delta.

This day we found a dense cloud layer at about the 10,000 foot level as we approached the northern end of Thud Ridge. We found that we could fly below the cloud level and see the ground through heavy haze and smoke in the humidity. As we approached the southern end of the ridge, the sky above cleared somewhat, so we passed word that the strike force would be able to see their targets. At about that time, a SAM radar signal appeared on the scope and immediately grew to a 2 ringer. Hoblet said, "Let's go!" and pulled up to launch a Shrike missile at the signal. Just then the Oh sh—light glared red and the ominous buzz (like a police radar on your car radar detector) got our attention. I found myself thinking, "This is just like the training signal at Hawthorne, Nevada!"

Before Sam was in position to launch our Shrike, Wilson's voice came over the radio, "We got a launch. Take 'er down!" Our climb maneuver to launch our Shrike had carried us above the clouds, and we followed lead in a rolling and diving maneuver to the right back down through the clouds. As we broke through the cloud bases, we rolled left toward the base of Thud Ridge, and I saw a burst of bright sparks on the ground below, which I thought were small arms or AAA going off. We later figured out

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it had to be the SAM warheads going off as they impacted the ground, but we had not seen the missiles due to the clouds and haze.

By the time we recovered from our maneuver, the SAM radar signal was still on the scope although we knew the missiles had missed. Hoblit immediately turned toward the signal for another run at it, when we heard (by radio) the bomber pilots exiting the area. Not wanting to be left behind, a "No, No," we headed back northward along the base of Thud Ridge, hoping to rejoin the rest of the strike force before they reached Laos. As we egressed, below the cloud layer, Sam said, "I think we can survive in this environment." "I hope so!" I answered. By the time we had refueled and made it the 700 miles back to Takhli, we had added about three hours of combat time to our flight records and earned our second penned line on our bush hats.

CONGO CRAFTSMEN-The Congo Craftsmen, a group of members of West Parish Congregational Church, UCC in Bethel, have for the past several years enjoyed working in Bob Iles' garages in Andover and Bethel to create wooden products to benefit others. Some of their major works have been new screens and fancy new picnic tables for Pilgrim Lodge on Lake Coboseecontee in West Gardner and stackable benches for Rogers' Hall at Bryant Pond 4H Camp. Recently they have spent the winter doing repairs and paint work at the church. Steve Lovejoy of Bethel, a member of the group, entered the Craftsmen in a contest sponsored by Minwax Corp. as an example of a group using Minwax products to provide community service. While they did not win the national award, the group did receive a fine letter of thanks and praise along with a new paintbrush and a Minwax hat. Shown here with the prizes are Bob Iles of Bethel, shop owner, and Walter Brough of Greenwood, the group's "Spiritual Advisor."

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Rain, rain, rain; we needed rain but enough is enough. We need at least three days of sunshine with our rain. I'd even settle for rain every night. But all this rain is making my bones ache. I know everyone else is saying the same thing, but I had to say it anyway. Tasha is hurting also and would like a few sunny days so she can lie in the sun and just sleep her days away. She does that a lot anyway, but she prefers to do it in the sun especially this time of year where it isn't too hot.

In between rain I have been trying to plant some veggies. David planted the pansies yesterday. We have left the corn and lettuce in the greenhouse in case of frost. I expect we'll get at least one more in the next month. We shall see.

Thursday, May 17, ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) meets at Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It is a discussion group; new people are welcome. FMI please call 739-9115.

Thursday, the 17th, at the Wilkins Community House the last community supper for the season at 6 p.m. It is a potluck and all are welcome. Hosts will be Martha Eaton and Sara Stockwell. Bring a dish with your best food and a friend.

Sunday, May 20, there will be a composting workshop at the Alan Day Community Garden from 3 to 5 p.m. The Garden is on Whitman Street in Norway. Brian Lenberg will lead the workshop.

Monday, May 21, the Knitting Group will meet at the Waterford Library. New and experienced knitters are welcome.

That is all for this week. I am taking my aching bones and calling it a night.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER

Happy Thursday you all! It sure seems this month is drizzling by quite fast. Dodging each rain cloud and skipping each mud puddle, trying to carry on my duties sure slows down my motivation. Duties seem to be a little harder to accomplish these days. For it's already May 17, the day before my husband's 33rd birthday (Happy Birthday my dear), and yet we have only witnessed one whole day of complete sunshine for the entire 17 days of May! The blossoms that we await for all year that only make their presence known once a year have come and gone away in the rain and the rest blown away in the spring breeze. Such a waste! My lilacs have not fared well this year, it seems to be all left over seeds from last year with no new growth. However, I have seen some already in bloom down toward Gray. My favorite flower, if I might add!

A lot has gone on since my last writing due to the paper not printing it the week before, so I will try and sum it all up in a shorter journal so they will be able to fit it all in. My oldest son harvested two good sized Jake turkeys, so he is all tagged out for this spring. He shot twice and bagged his target each time! He is a good aim and takes serious pride in the privilege to hunt.

The boys have been out fishing every chance they get and always come back with their limit! My grandfather had to try his fishing skills out and caught his limit the other day as well, only he doesn't eat fish so he shared them with his family.

I'm proud to announce the arrival of five baby goats thus far born on the farm. Two sets of twins and a single birth and we only have one boy out of the bunch! The babies are so uniquely different and so fun to interact with. We still have two more births to go.

We finally took the time to harness up Emma's mini horse and went for a wagon ride on Saturday and we have fallen in love with driving a horse rather than horseback riding. You have much more control and it's just a thrill. We will be offering rides at the West Paris Old Home Day, which will be held June 1 and 2 this year, and you will be able to visit a selection of our animals there in our petting zoo as well. Let's hope the rain will part for those days!

With all this terrible weather my family and I have been so fortunate to of caught a spring cold that just seems to linger. I was able to scrape up enough energy to have a great Mother's Day. My husband and the kids along with my mother and my sister journeyed to Gray Animal Park for a Mother's Day delight. It was a wonderful day, the clouds held off till we were headed home and the animals were all alert and interesting to study.

We enjoyed a nice picnic and dissolved the day with ease. A breath of fresh air surrounded by the people you cherish and love helps clear your mind of any problems that were once all you could focus on. I sure hope every Mother had a chance to behold the opportunities to spend the day celebrating the best job that one could have being a Mother! A mother is every job title there is under one title MOTHER! When you become a mother you take on a lifetime of responsibilities. And it's up to you to become just a Mother or a Mother your child is proud to say is their mother!

David and the kids are doing a great job on the remolding. It's nice to hear the tapping of three or four hammers at once. If they only knew the endless possibilities they could have if they shall grow and work together there after childhood.

They can get so much done if they just put their minds together. All so many times families split off in their own directions seeking their own life and accumulating their own equity when if they lived together and shared such items they would have more money to live. It all too many times seems to me that one couple struggles to get by to live and just when it seems the gardens are flourishing the house is big enough and the car is paid for and you no longer need to get up on a schedule that is when your time expires.

Meanwhile your children are still following the same trend and nowadays falling in shameful debt which is making an angry world.

Something needs to be sought out to ease the birding of survival cause it looks to me to be getting worse rather than better.

My thought for the week is: Look up and not down, Look forward and not back, Look out and not in, Where ever you shall look upon this earth, the opportunities will take shape within your problems, Look confidently in the direction of your dreams, dig deep for the key lies hidden in your very own soul, so often times people live in chains and never even knew they behold their very own key to happiness.

Bryant Pond

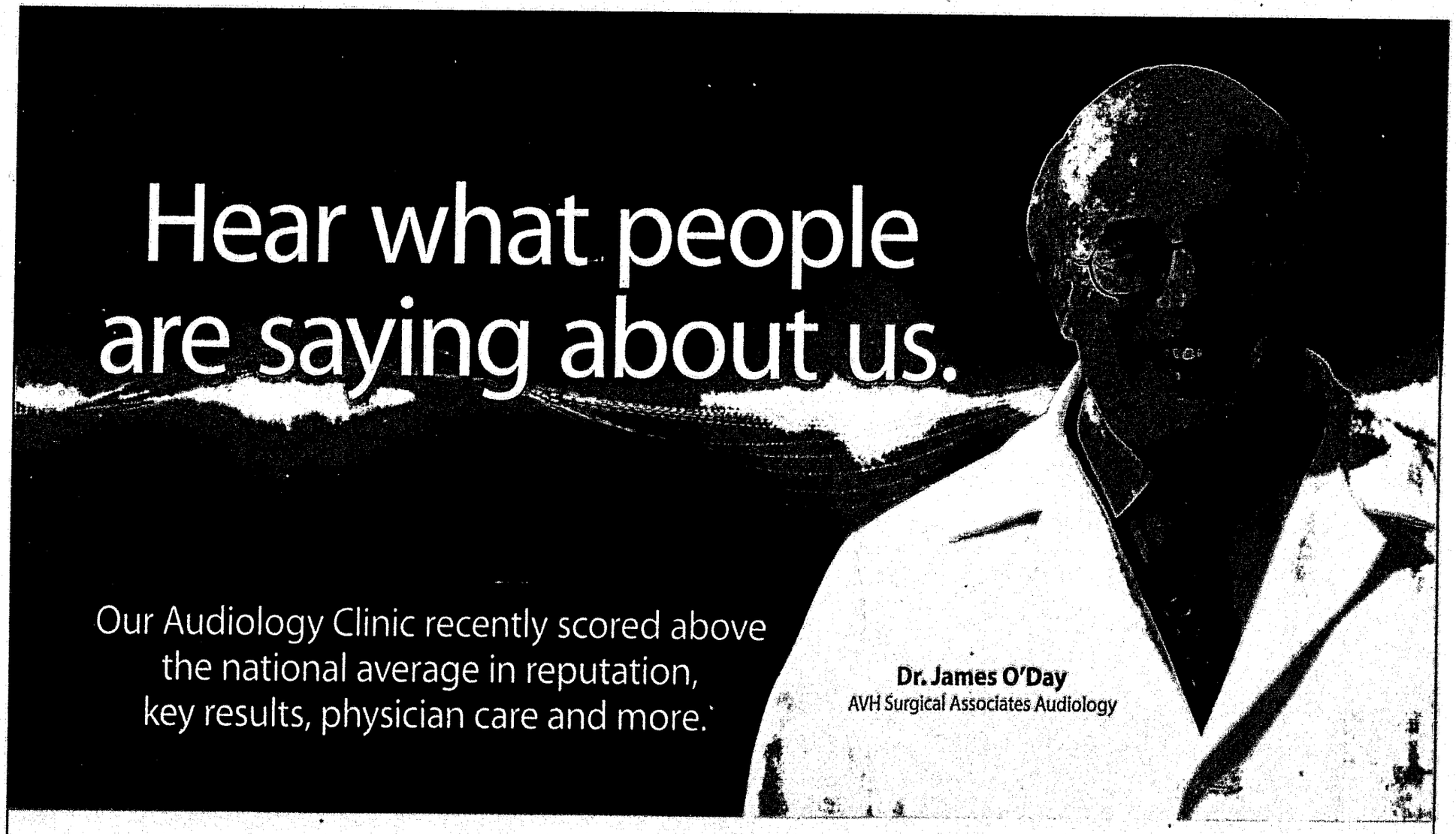
By ALICE HOYT

Sympathy is extended to the family of Beverly M. Billings.

Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall for a meeting on Monday, May 7. Next meeting will be May 21 for inspection and instruction with the state deputy. Talked about changing the meeting dates to second and fourth Mondays in September. Programs were handed out for the meetings until August. Will put on the Senior Citizens dinner in July. Final plans were made for the Mock Hee Haw Show to be held Saturday evening, May 19, at 7 p.m. Come have a fun evening and support the Grange.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning service at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting.

Remember the Woodstock Alumni Banquet for Woodstock High School will be the third Saturday in June. Classes of 1942, 1952, 1962 and Telstar seniors from Woodstock and Greenwood are special guests.



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So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Another rainy day, but the sun is doing its best to make a full appearance, the temperature is 58 degrees, and I'm so looking for a great weekend.

I picked up a bleeding heart plant, two rose bushes , three Orange Lilly bulbs and some morning glory seeds and I'm anxious to get them in the ground.

If the sun does come out over the weekend the lawn will need mowing. Our friend Betty D. likes coming up to mow, she starts her summer tan this way. She spends about three hours out mowing the front lawn and the ball diamond we have out back. I prepare lunch for the day and Yogi does the cooking on the grill. The girls stayed till after 6 p.m. last year, looking forward to another year of getting together with friends and just enjoying our time talking, laughing, eating and just spending time together.

Condolences to the families of Sid Scott, Betty Ridley, Everett (Chick) Batchelder, Therdore C. Durgan, Richard H. Mac Gown, Marita Hunton, Beverly May Billings and Edwin Stevens. Love and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved ones.

Birthday wishes are going out to Raynold McAllister, Christopher Bond, Wayne Tripp, Jessica Koskela, Jeanne Whittemore, Cara Billings and Mary Anne Brown.

It was great seeing Louise Guilford, Marie Dyke and Betty Davis last week; much love to you all.

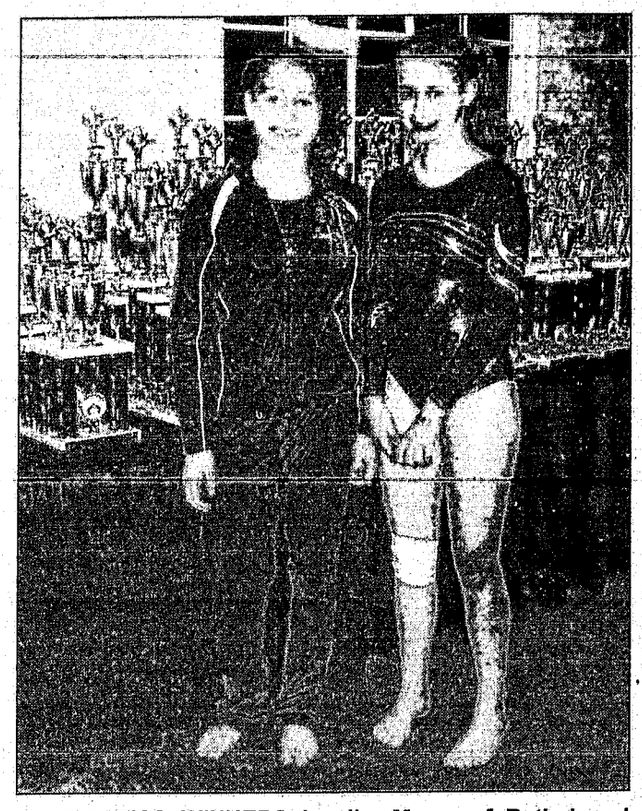
My first Red Breasted Grossbeak arrived at the feeders yesterday — also my first Bluebird arrived two days ago — hummingbird arrived but only stayed a few minutes, then he left — hoping he will come back. I keep my camera handy so as to take pictures of them enjoying their time at the feeders.

Hebron Pines Country Music Jamboree weekend will be held June 1 and 2 at Hebron Pines Campground (Route 124) Hebron, Maine, Friday night from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. FMI: Lorri@966-2771 camping and tenting available. Rain or Shine weekend. Food concession with all your favorites, 50/50 drawings, raffles.

Get well wishes to those who are not feeling quite up to par these days. Hope all will be up and feeling better real soon.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy your weekend.

Quote of the week: "A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words."



GYMNASTICS WINNERS-Jessika Myers of Bethel and Amber Souvé of Hanover, representing the Greater Rumford Community Center, competed at the Regional Gymnastics Competition in Glens Falls, N.Y., May 4, 5 and 6. Over 900 girls from the New England states demonstrated their skills on the balance beam, vault, uneven parallel bars and floor exercises. Jess and Amber earned three medals each, and their team won fifth place.

Mahoosuc Skye Celtic Series offered

New England Celtic Arts and Skye Theatre of Carthage and the Mahoosuc Arts Council have teamed up to create a rich addition to the summer mountain arts offerings: The Mahoosuc Skye Celtic Series will feature three nights of world-class performances at 7 p.m. on July 24, Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 at the Bingham Auditorium at 45 Church Street on the Gould Academy Campus.

The Tartan Terrors return to Maine with a different mix of players and will hit the stage in Bethel July 24. These Veteran entertainers are always a major crowd pleaser. The "Terrors" are North America's premiere Celtic Event, featuring the best in Celtic music punctuated with comedy and dance.

A new duet act that features a unique collaboration between two of the best known names in traditional Irish and American folk music will perform Aug. 14. Cillian Vallely on uilleann pipes and low whistle, and Ryan McGiver on guitar and vocals will take the audience on a sublime journey through the subtle textures and timbres of these traditional instruments.

The newest Celtic group to hit the scene is Cuig, meaning the word five in Gaelic. This group is taking the Celtic music scene by storm and will show Bethel their stuff Aug. 21. They are not a band but rather individual performers and emerging artists from Cape Breton in Nova Scotia that have become one of the most-up-and-coming groups anywhere.

FMI on Bethel performances: www.mahoosucarts.org or call 824-3575. FMI on the Skye Theatre and New England Celtic Arts: www.necelticarts.com.

UAAA plans river cleanup

As part of National River Cleanup, members of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and students from the Experiential Learning Team at Oxford Hills Middle School will clean up a section of the Androscoggin River from Newt's Landing in West Bethel to Davis Park in Bethel on Tuesday, May 22.

Students, ages 12-15, will float down the river in rafts armed with garbage bags and towing garbage scow rafts to collect debris along the riverbanks. The clean-up flotilla will launch at 9 a.m. from Newt's Landing and take out at Davis Park. Community members are welcome to help clean up this and other stretches of the river.

The town of Bethel will provide trash collection at Davis Park and deliver to the town's solid waste facility.

Magic Falls Rafting Co. of West Forks will provide rafts and garbage scows. Immediately following the clean-up, lunch will be provided by the staff of Pleasant River Campground at Davis Park.

Rivers and watersheds have been used as dumps for old appliances, shopping carts and other refuse. Litter, such as foam cups, plastic bottles and food wrappers float into waterways, build up along the shoreline and stay there for years.

With landfill space at a premium, recycling efforts stymied by a lack of plant capacity and toxic waste expensive to control, a grassroots effort can help maintain a constituency for preserving and protecting waterways. In years past the Upper Andro yielded over a ton of debris including bed springs, tires and tire rims, a boat motor and a 1950's record player.

The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance sponsors the local clean up. Says Clean-up Co-ordinator and UAAA director Bruce Pierce, "There's been a long-standing effort to improve the Androscoggin's water quality and fishery, now we need to improve the shore land zone along this wonderful river."

National River Clean-up was founded in 1992 by America Outdoors, the largest association of America's outfitters and guides, to assist local groups in keeping waterways clean.

In 2007 American Rivers assumed administration of the river clean up.

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St. Nevers Day Sale

Each year at about this time, the Bethel Historical Society holds its annual St. Nevers Day sale of "treasures" donated by members and friends. Scheduled for Saturday, May 26, from 9 to 4 p.m. under a tent at the corner of Mason and Broad streets, this spring fundraiser provides much needed income to offset general operating costs at the Bethel Historical Society. Although the society also benefits from membership fees, Annual Fund donations and limited investment income, this event is a significant aspect of the organization's annual fundraising activities.

Along with the society's responsibility to properly store and preserve thousands of books, photographs, objects and manuscripts documenting the history of Bethel, western Maine and the White Mountain region come substantial expenses for heat, lights, preservation supplies and repairs to aging buildings, to name just a few. As an organization dedicated to displaying and interpreting these important collections, the society also incurs numerous costs relating directly with its efforts to share this heritage with members, residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

Recognized as one of the most active historical organizations of its kind in northern New England, the Bethel Historical Society realizes that it could not have attained this level of success without the financial support of those who "browse and buy" at the St. Nevers Day Sale and who sustain the nearly 50-year-old association by participating in other fundraisers held each year.

Bethel Library Plant Sale

The annual Bethel Library Plant Sale is Saturday, June 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. on the lawn beside the library at 5 Broad Street in Bethel. The sale takes place rain or shine.

The sale has a reputation as one of the best places in Oxford County to buy perennials. Local gardeners donate weed-free, pesticide-free healthy perennials that have outgrown the space in their gardens.

The library accepts donations of perennials for the sale. For more information, or if you need help digging plants to donate, or you need pots or tags, call one of the following: Susan Parker, 824-4767; John Applin, 836-3421; or Susan Day, 824-2741.

Excalibur comes to CPS

The classic tale of young King Arthur and the magic sword Excalibur comes to the stage this Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m. at Crescent Park Elementary School in the original adaptation of "The Sword Called Excalibur."

The play begins as a group of hardworking villagers and neighboring forest creatures hails the arrival of the troubadour. The troubadour begins a tale, which magically transports the village back in time. The story comes to life as the young local actors take on the roles of wizards and knights. They will become Sir Ector and his subjects, Morgan Le Fay and her scheming partners, young Arthur, young Kay and their trusty dog, Cabal. The play continues with forest creatures teaching Cabal lessons about curiosity, Merlin and his apprentice wizards training Arthur to be king, and a group of bandits living in Sherwood Forest showing Kay a thing or two about fairness.

A tournament and festival carry the story to its end when Arthur draws the sword from the stone and is crowned King.

"The Sword Called Excalibur" features fifty-seven local elementary school children. Throughout the week these talented performers have worked in intensive rehearsals conducted by Children's Stage Adventures actor-educators Kaitlyn Glover and Kyle Aarons. Arthur will be played by Morgan Prentice and young Arthur by Alexander Baribeau. Lavinia Clarke and Shane Ojeda will appear as Arthur's stepbrother Kay. The boys' trusty dog Cabal will be acted by Victoria Hamel. Arthur's stepfather, Sir Ector, will be played by Reese Rosenberg.

Josie Forbes, Payton Abbott and Emalee Harrington will play Morgan Le Fay and the Witches. Selina Creelman, Marvel Ayotte, Keona Bouchard, Isaac Bacheller, Manny Garcia, Dillon Smith, Emma Kruse, and Shelby Thorman, appear as Knights and Pages. The Sherwood Bandits will be played by Julianna Slaughter, Avery Lehman, Mia Hofmann, Lilo Bean, Emily Fraser, Isabel Chase, Bailey Fraser, Bethany Laird, Ella Tilsley, and Madison Irish. Cameron Simard, Ella Blair, Wyatt Thielbar, Trey Meader, and Autumn Harrison will appear as Wizards. The villagers will be Maecy Dixon, Nyia Dixon, Genevieve Montagna, Ava Doucette, Livia Doucette, Ellen Files, Lydia Bennett, Perry Morton, Brooke Clarey, Madeline Hallett, Ella Kellogg, and Jewel Chase. The furry Forest Creatures will be played by Lacey Tilsley, Alexander Chase, Lily Schofield, Brianna Watrous, Lindsy Stephenson, Maja Mulley, Selina Ojeda, Odessa Files, Macie Hallett, Celia Melanson, Peyton Meader, and Isabella DeVivo. Performing many behind the scene tasks will be the assistant director, Chaia Alford. The Children's Stage Adventures actors will play the Troubadour and Merlin.

Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the door. Open seating tickets are $4 for students, $6 adults, and family $12 (2 adults, 2 children). There is a limited number of reserved seating available for $10. For further information call Amy Lehman at 824-7890.

The residency at Crescent Park School is made possible with support from SAD 44, The Mahoosuc Arts Council, The Bethel Inn Resort, Gould Academy, proceeds from last year's performance, parent and community volunteers. For more information, please contact Amy Lehman at 824-7890 or aplehman@yahoo.com Come out and support the youth of your community while enjoying a great show!

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS HONORED- Woodstock Elementary School recognized its 2011-12 volunteers May 3 with a dinner prepared by the staff. All the volunteers received flower seeds and cards made by the students. Pictured here are the 2011-12 Volunteers of the Year, Ken Briggs, Genneth Berryment and Carolyn Johnson.

College grads

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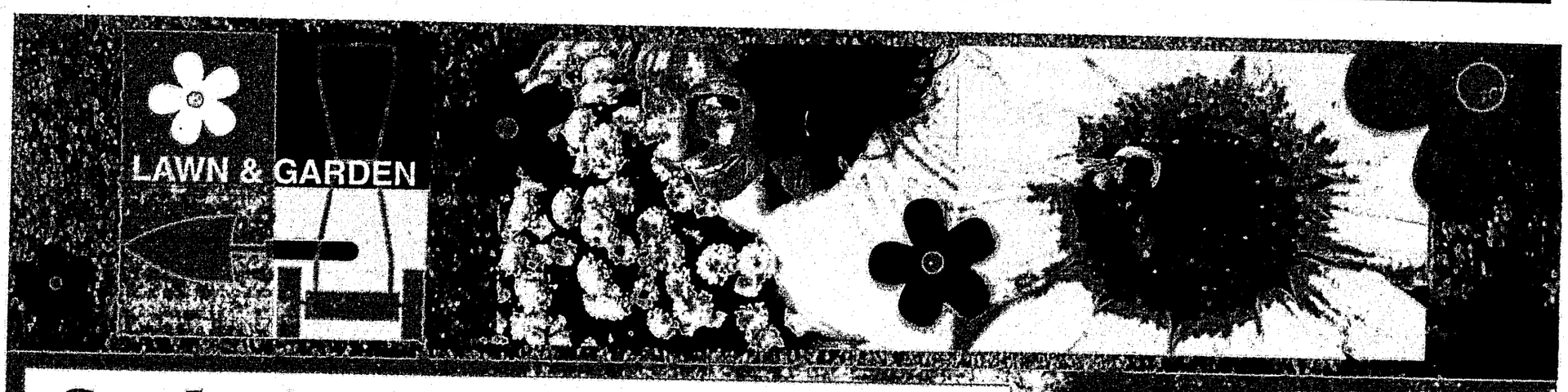
Area students receiving degrees from University of Maine-Farmington May 12, 2012: Shelley Hutchins of East Andover, B.A., History; Megan Smith, Hanover, B.S., Early Childhood Education; Erin Powers, Newry, B.S., Early Childhood Education.

Telstar High School senior Zach Parsons completed his community service requirement by spray painting shutters for a local resident. *(Submitted photo)*



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Believe you need an acre of property to start gardening? Think again. Individuals can grow their own patch of greenery in just about any space they have on hand.

When it comes time to getting your hands dirty, it doesn't matter if there are rolling hills or a single container filled with soil on which to plant. Although many gardening professionals present plans for larger-scale gardens, it's possible to create smaller-scale options that require a great deal less maintenance and upkeep.

To get started, homeowners or apartment dwellers need to first look at the space they have. Perhaps this is a few flower pots or a small square of exposed dirt in an otherwise concrete jungle. Others may have an expansive backyard in which to toil in the soil. Either way, knowing what you have to work with can help home gardeners map out a more successful plan of action.

Next, it's important to consider the climate and the soil conditions. Soil can be amended to a point, but plants that require a lot of water may not do well in an area plagued by drought.

Color is another thing to consider. Gardeners with smaller spaces may want to think about keeping gardens mainly monochromatic, which will look more cohesive. Cool-colored flowers and plants will help make a garden look larger. Warm-colored flowers will add impact and could create a cozier feel.

Hanging baskets and raised containers can add height and free up more floor space for gardens. They're particularly helpful when space is at a premium. Keep in mind that baskets and containers tend to dry out easily, so using peat moss, vermiculite and other products that tend to hold onto water will help keep the soil moist. These containers also may need to be watered more frequently.

Containers also can be used to plant small trees or shrubs. Use them for vegetable plants as well. The advantage to containers is they can be moved elsewhere if a plant is not thriving in a particular area.

People who have an extremely space with which to work may be limited to a few flower pots in the window, but they can easily grow herbs or annual flowers.

Those who have a large space may want to consider breaking the landscape down into smaller quadrants; otherwise, the garden can seem unruly. Use hardscape materials, such as mulch, rocks, boulders, and slate to break up the greenery (and also cut down on items that need pruning and watering).

Individuals who don't know where to start can page through gardening magazines for ideas. Alternatively, they can consult with an area landscaper to find out which plants will do well.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

HOW DO YOU MAKE A WALNUT LAUGH?

SELECT	___	SLEET		OILING	___	LINGO	
ALBERT	___	TABLE		INVEST	___	VINES	
LABELS	___	BELLS					
ACCUSE	___	SAUCE		UNLACE	___	CLEAN	
PARKED	___	DRAPE		DEPART	___	TRADE	

For more puzzle fun, go to www.puzzles4kids.com

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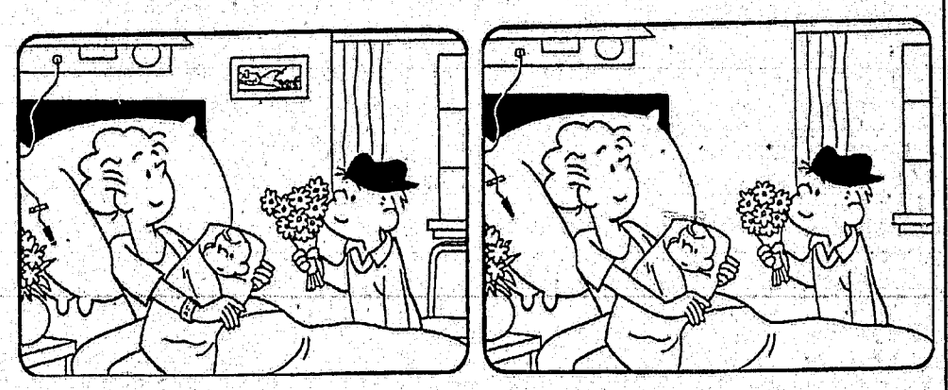
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Cord is shorter. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bracelet is missing. 4. Picture is missing. 5. Bouquet is smaller. 6. Chair is missing.

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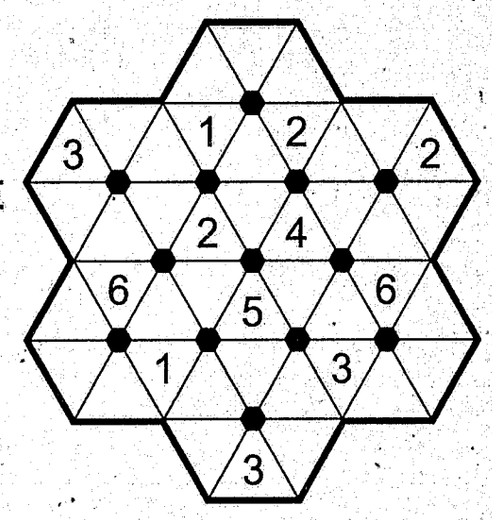
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Dull SOUBET ___ ___ ___ □ ___ ___ ___

Hurry SHAD ___ ___ □ □

Answer PONDERS ___ ___ ___ ___ □ ___ ___

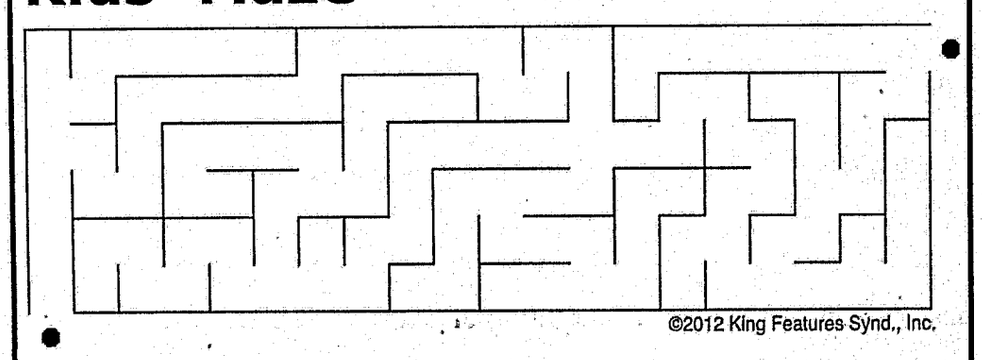
Battle RAGUE ___ □ ___ ___ ___

"There's nothing wrong with it that a few ____ at $60 an hour can't fix."

TODAY'S WORD

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Kids' Maze



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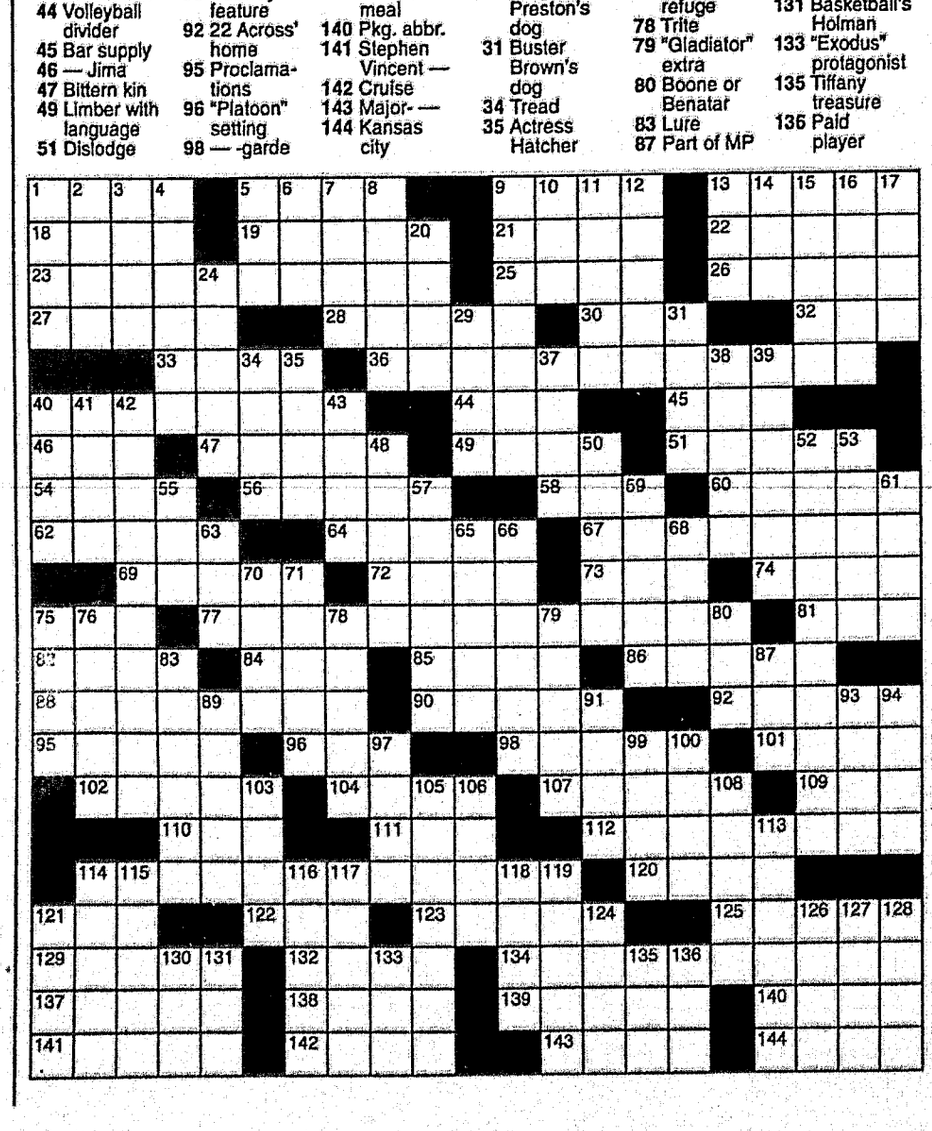
Super Crossword

ONCE IS ENOUGH

ACROSS
1 Not quite closed
5 "Song of the South" title
9 Perched on
13 Tom of "Baretta"
18 — Linda, CA
19 Snorkel and straw
21 Capital of American Samoa?
22 — Lama
23 "The Flintstones" kid?
25 Word on a door
26 Dumbstruck
27 Hacienda material
28 New Archangel, now
30 Devour
32 Summer shade
33 "The — Hurrah" ('58 film)
36 Golfing legend?
40 Crestfallen
44 Volleyball divider
45 Bar supply
46 — Jima
47 Bittern kin
49 Limber with language
51 Dislodge
54 Enormous
56 Mideastern pockets
58 Sea plea
60 Cultural character
62 Composer Bruckner
64 Lloyd Webber musical
67 Leslie Charteris creation
69 Overflowing
72 — impasse
73 Toody or Muldoon
74 Eye problem
75 NYC division
77 Robert Conrad series?
81 Flat hat
82 Broccoli —
84 Nutritional abbr.
85 Tabriz currency
86 Sordid
88 South American capital
90 Subway feature
92 22 Across' home
95 Proclamations
96 "Platoon" setting
98 — -garde
101 Stromboli spew
102 Gown part
104 Temporary calm
107 Girl George?
109 Tuck's mate
110 Dovecote sound
111 "— Rita" ('42 film)
112 Contend
114 Eddie Cantor song?
120 Pay to play
121 TV's "People — Funny"
122 Pair
123 Harden
125 Brando's birthplace
129 "Gladiator" extra
132 Southern st.
134 NY correctional facility?
137 "The Jungle Book" character
138 Martin Balsam film?
139 Passover meal
140 Pkg. abbr.
141 Stephen Vincent —
142 Cruise
143 Major- —
144 Kansas city

DOWN
1 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
2 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
3 Snowballs, sometimes
4 Wander
5 A/C measure
6 Massage
7 Peters out
8 Antique
9 Garments
10 Homeric character
11 Looked like Lothario?
12 — bear
13 Author LeShan
14 Greyhound's greeting
15 Make merry
16 South American capital
17 Jennifer of "Star Trek: Voyager"
20 Son of Adam
24 Attain
29 Sergeant Preston's dog
31 Buster Brown's dog
34 Tread
35 Actress Hatcher
37 Singer Redding
38 Donates
39 Legendary Colt Johnny
40 Callas or Caballe
41 Actor McGregor
42 Olympic skater?
43 Act like grandma
48 Maritime
50 Mess (up)
52 Dick Van Dyke film?
53 Mrs. Zhivago
55 Haul a heap
57 Lucknow lutes
59 Sole mates?
61 Petunia part
63 Apprehend
65 Implied
66 Turkish city
68 Duel tool
70 Darjeeling dress
71 Wore
75 Pitt of "The Mexican"
76 Desert refuge
78 Trite
79 "Gladiator" extra
80 Boone or Benatar
83 Lure
87 Part of MP
89 Chocolate substitute
91 Damon and Pythias
93 Wicked
94 Use the VCR
97 Darkness
99 Talbot or Naldi
100 Ripped
103 Spilled the beans
105 Progressive
106 Meat cut
108 Teach on the side
113 Sign of spring
114 Shattered
115 Neighbor of Oman
116 Bee and Em
117 Apres-ski quaff
118 Entertainer Tamblyn
119 Like a raisin
121 Spirited steed
124 Word form for "within"
126 About
127 Salute the moon?
128 Cultural grp.
130 Pub order
131 Basketball's Holman
133 "Exodus" protagonist
135 Tiffany treasure
136 Paid player



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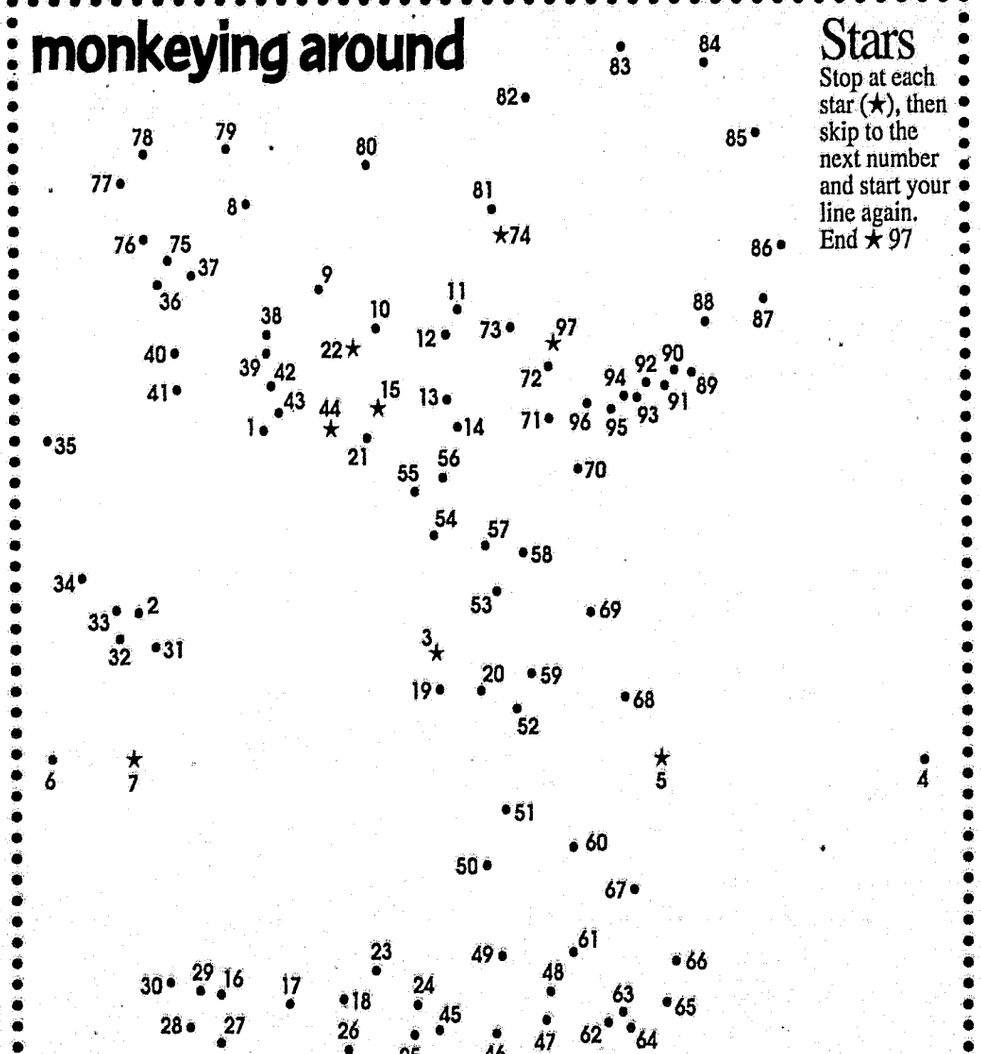

Stars
Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 97

By David Kalvitis

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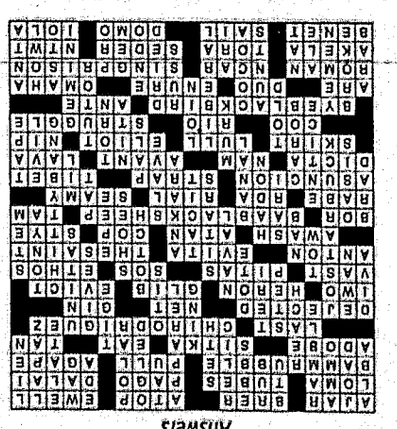
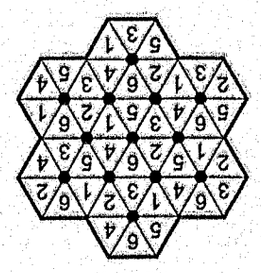
ANSWERS:

Scramblers:
1. Obtuse 2. Dash 3. Respond 4. Argue
Today's Word: Hours

Super Crossword — Answers





SNOWFLAKES solution

PUZZLES4KIDS Answer

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UNLACE	U	CLEAN	
DEPART	P	TRADE	

Kids' Maze Solution

MAY 17 2012

Community Calendar

Thru May 31

4:30 p.m. - **Walking for the Health of It**, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Meet at Riverside Trail at Oxford Hills Middle School (100 Pine Street), South Paris. Free. Pre-registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Mon., Wed., Friday, Sat., thru June 30

"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, FMI: 674-2004.

Friday, May 18

Oxford County Educators Association-Retired (OCEA-R) meeting Friday, May 18, at the American Legion Hall on Route 121 in Oxford. Cookies for the palate and plants for the garden will be the fundraisers. Dinner is free during our May and June meetings to any former educators or people who worked for a school department.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 18-20

10th Annual Northern New England Home Garden Flower Show, Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Exhibitor info: karla@dicksonandmcgonigle.com or info@homegardenflowershow.com or call (800) 359-2033 or 935-2845.

Fridays, May 18, 25 and June 1, 8

1 to 2:30 p.m.. - **Active Parenting,** six-week parenting group at Region 9 School of applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: $15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

May 18 thru Aug. 18

Strangers and Others: Interpretations of the Human Face, art display 9 to 1 p.m. at Fryeburg Academy's Palmina S. and Stephen F. Pace Galleries, 18 Bradley Street, Free, open to public. Reception to meet artists June 16, 1 to 3 p.m. FMI: 935-9232 or e-mail boxoffice@fryeburgacademy.org

Saturday, May 19

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Contractors' Day** at Telstar Middle and High schools. Breakfast 7 a.m. in cafeteria, lunch noon to 1 p.m. Students, parents, community members may participate. FMI/register: 824-2136 or e-mail radfordc@sad44.org or (TMS Principal) or hartd@sad44.org (THS Principal).

8:30 a.m. registration – **Second Annual Writers' Conference and Book Festival,** Northern Forest Heritage Park, 942 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Special guest speaker: Fritz Wetherbee, host of WMUR-TV NH Chronicle. FMI: (603) 752-7202 or visit www.northernforestheritage.org

8:30 a.m. - **Andover Roadside Clean-up** by Andover Service Circle. Volunteers meet Andover Town Hall for bags and gloves. Post clean-up refreshments 11:30 a.m. Andover Town Hall.

11 a.m. - **"The Sword Called Excalibur"** performance at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Tickets: $6 adults/$4 students/family $12 (adults, two children). Limited reserve seating: $10. FMI: Amy Lehman 824-7890.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Endangered Species Day**, Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, Gray. FMI: Park (657-4977), online www.mainewildlifepark.comwww.mainewildlifepark.comwww.mainewildlifepark.comwww.mainewildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com or Facebook.

5 p.m. - **Public Buffet Supper,** featuring Finnish, American and other ethnic foods, at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Cost: $7 adults/$3.50 children. Sponsored by Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine.

5 and 6 p.m. - **Chicken Pie Supper,** Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church. Two seatings/third seating if needed. Cost: $8 adults/$4 under age 12. Handicap accessible, Air conditioned. Reservations accepted Saturday 9 a.m. to noon by confirmation 583-902 (do not leave message).

7 p.m. - **Mock Hee Haw Show.** Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond. Refreshments on sale. Admission: $6 adults/$3 children under 12. Money made will help with repairs to the hall.

Saturdays, May 19, 26

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: $5. Lunch counter open. No dance on May 5.

Sunday, May 20

2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine**, following brief business meeting and coffee social, Steve Gifford and Jackie Harjula of Mid-coast Finn Am Society presents program on Finlandia Foundation. Public invited.

Tuesday, May 22

9 a..m. - **Androscoggin River clean-up** by Experiential Learning Team at Oxford Hills Middle School starts from Newt's Landing, West Bethel, to Davis Park, Bethel.

Wednesday, May 23

8:30 to 11 a.m. - **"How to Generate Lead and Attract Customers with Social Media" Workshop** by Oxford Hills SCORE, Bethel Area Chamber, Oxford Hills Chamber, Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber at Norway Town Office. Presenter: Rich Brooks of New Flyte Media. Cost: chamber members free, others $25. FMI: Gerry Nelson 743-0499 or visit www.oxfordhills.score.org.

Thursday, May 24

1:30 to 3 p.m. - **The Beat Goes On: Living Well with Heart Failure** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street), Norway, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Fee: $5. Registration required. FM/register: (866) 609-5183.

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Healthy Summer cookout** sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital Courtyard (181 Main Street), Norway. Fee: $10. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

7 p.m. - **Waterford Library Association** annual meeting at library. Julia Flynn, Maine's Deputy Secretary of State, will present the library with 100-year certificate of achievement award. Refreshments. All Waterford residents invited to attend.

Saturday, May 26

St. Nevers Day Sale, Bethel Historical Society. Items in good condition sought including household goods, furniture, tools, etc. No clothing, computers, tires or other non-saleable items. Leave donations on Stan Howe's side porch 18 Broad Street or back porch of society. FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

9 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** Puzzle Mountain Hike. 6.5 mile round trip. Shorter hike 2.4 miles with excellent views of Grafton Notch. Add on to 6.5 mile trip, the Loopette trail around the summit of Puzzle Mountain for added difficulty. Bring water, snacks, lunch for the 5- to 6-hour hike. Meet at parking area 4.7 miles north on Route 26 from intersection with Route 2, Newry, right hand side, across from Eddy Road.

9 a.m. - **Sixth Annual Danny Legendre Tournament**, Androscoggin Valley Country Club, Gorham, N.H. FMI or to sign up: e-mail DannyLegendreMGT@yahoo.com or Facebook at Danny Legendre Memorial Golf Tournament.

9 a.m. to Noon – **Rhubarb Festival,** First Universalist Church, Main Street, West Paris. FMI: Beverly Stevens at bstevens@megalink.net or Suzanne Dunham at dunham farm@msn.com, or 665-2967.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Public Inside Yard Sale,** VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Tables $10. Refreshment counter open. Tables: $10. FMI: Lillian Herrick 743-2641.

7 p.m. - **"King of Kards"** (Jeff McBride) presents ""Magic Behind the Mask" at Mystic Theater, 49 Franklin, Rumford. Doors open 6 p.m. Admission: $30/$10 for 12 and under. Snacks and drinks available. Tickets available Bartash's Cards and Gifts, and All That Jazz, Congress Street, Rumford, online www.49franklin.com. McBride will deliver special 90-minute lecture for magicians at 9 p.m. and a 4 hour Master Class at 1 p.m. on May 27. Interested magicians contact Scot Grassette 369-0129.

Saturday, May 26 thru Monday, May 28

Annual Plant Sale by Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, Gray. Fundraiser for new Canada lynx exhibit. Plants left over sold in front of Snack Shack. FMI: www.wildlifeparkfriends.org

Tuesday, May 29

7 p.m. - **Norway Historical Society** hosts Carolyn Lawson, a Civil War reenactor from Company A, 3rd Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry.

Wednesday, May 30

4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Thursday, May 31

Deadline for ordering extended for offering Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout for stocking private ponds. Deliveries made directly to ponds. Applications for permit available Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, 17 Olson Road, South Paris, or contact Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta (287-5261).

12:45 to 1:45 p.m. - **Yoga for Parkinson's** sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital Board Room (181 Main Street), Norway. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, June 1

5 to 8 p.m. - **"First Friday"** reception at Frost Farm Gallery, 272 Pikes Hill, Norway. Pastel works by Ulla Hansen, "Riding the Foothills." Free. Open to public. Exhibit continues thru Saturday, June 30. FMI: 743-8041.

6:30 p.m. - **Book signing:** "Feldspar, Families and Feuds" at West Paris Library. Program presented by two contributing authors, Jan Brownstein of Albany and John Davis of South Paris.

Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2

West Paris Old Home Days. Theme:" Re-discover West Paris." Contacts:poland@megalink.net or vendor opportunities Jacisiazzettes@hotmail.com

Waterford World's Fair Fundraiser of camping, motorcycle ride, two passes to dance Saturday night $40. Food Shack open all day. Bike wash Saturday $3 each (after ride). FMI/other activities: call Penny Hill 461-5466.

4:30 p.m. - **Relay For Life,** Wish Upon A Cure at Hosmer Field, Rumford. FMI: 364-8358 or Mac Watts 464-3102, press 3.

Saturday, June 2

9 to 10 a.m. - **Plant Sale** by Bethel Library on the lawn at 5 Broad Street. Rain or shine. Need help digging or pots or tags, call either Susan Parker (824-4767), John Applin (836-3421) or Susan Day (824-2741).

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Bottle Drive** SAD 44 Bus Garage, lower Main Street, Bethel. Proceeds for Telstar Field Hockey.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Family Fishing Festival,** Angevine Park, 456 North Road, Bethel. Learn to cast, tie flies, take home catch. Mini tackle box for all kids. Bethel Fire Department hosting barbecue. Families welcome to bring lunch. FMI: 824-3694 (Upper Andro Anglers Alliance).

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Work Day** on Rumford Whitecap trails by Mahoosuc Land Trust in celebration of National Trails Day. Bring gloves, small hand tools such as clippers and loppers, lunch and water. Refreshments provided end of day. Meet Whitecap Parking area, East Andover Road, Rumford. FMI/directions: call 824-3806 or e-mail info@mahoosuc.org.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.—Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons Room of the Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford. Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

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MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

MKA is officially in full Summer Adventure Frenzy! We have put together another fun filled summer of enrichment activities, outdoor activities, field trips and fun for local kids or for kids that are visiting Bethel this summer. We will have an international theme that we feel works nicely with the Summer Olympics in London this summer. All the enrollment information is listed on our brochure and can be taken from our website at www.mahoosuckids.org MKA also will be partnering with the Bryant Pond 4-H camp for a variety of programs for Middle and High school students this summer.

As we wind down the school year, I would like to thank all the school staff, administrators, community partners,& local businesses, that work with us to provide great opportunities for our students after-school.

Special thanks to all our parents that send their wonderful children to us after-school and to the kids that make it such a pleasure to come to work every day! I am especially grateful to our dedicated Board of Directors that help me set the course for the future especially in this difficult economy. Thank you.

- Julie Hart, MKA Director

And the Winner Is!

Summer Adventure Program 2012

Eight Weeks of exciting activities and outings centered around different countries and summer olympic events!

1. London: The Challenge Begins!
2. USA: Going Off the Deep End!
3. Canada: True North Strong & Free, Eh?!
4. Spain: Get your ball on!
5. Jamaica: Out of Many We are One, Mon!
6. China: Do Not Climb a Tree to Look for a Fish
7. Zimbabwe: The Young Cub of a Lion is Still a Lion
8. The Gold Medal Goes to...

Daily activities include arts and crafts, group games, enrichment programs, swimming, hiking, and field trips.

Enrichments vary with age groups and may include: cooking, environmental education, science exploration, technology, archery, golf, reading activities and more.

Activities are subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM DATES:

Week 1: June 25-June 29 • **Week 2:** July 2-6 • **Week 3:** July 9-13 • **Week 4:** July 16-20
Week 5: July 23-27 • **Week 6:** July 30-August 3 • **Week 7:** August 6-10 • **Week 8:** August 13-17

Daily Plans at Summer Adventure Program

Troopers are greeted in the gym by their co-counselors between 8:45 and 9am. Each child joins one of three age-based troops.
Children Entering: **Kindergarten & Grade 1:** Explorers • **Grades 2 & 3:** Voyagers • **Grades 4, 5 & 6:** Pioneers

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday MORNINGS

Explorers are busy near school with activities such as Weird Science and Creation Station.

Voyagers venture a little further into the community for hikes and exploration.

Pioneers are often away from base camp with activities such as kayaking at the 4-H camp in Bryant Pond and hiking every Thursday - don't forget your hiking footwear!

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons are WET AND WILD!

EXPLORERS:
Monday: Songo Pond/Angevine Park
Tuesday: Greenwood Beach • **Thursday:** Sunday River "Letter S"

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Wednesday is our FIELD TRIP DAY!

Troopers need to be signed in at **8:30am** for departure at **8:45am.**
Return is between 4 and 5pm

1. Bowling & Swimming at Norway Lake **Norway, ME**
2. **CLOSED FOR FOURTH OF JULY**
3. Cannon Mountain **Franconia, NH** *Children will return between 5:30-6pm*
4. Sea Dogs Baseball Game **Portland, ME**
5. Crescent Beach **Cape Elizabeth, ME**
6. Children's Museum **Portland, ME**
7. DEW Animal Kingdom **Mt. Vernon, ME**
8. Sebago Lake State Park **Naples, ME**

Fridays are FUN AT BASE CAMP!

All troopers have a morning of theme-based fun and exploration. Troopers help make lunch, then spend the afternoon with silly games, skits, songs, water balloons, scavenger hunts, and more!

What to Bring

We offer two snacks, juice, milk and a healthy appetizing lunch menu as part of your daily fee.

In the event of thunder and lightning, our outside plans will change in order to ensure the safety of all. However, on light rainy days, troopers need to be prepared to participate in all scheduled activities. Rain slickers are strongly recommeneded.

Also bring weather-appropriate clothing: swimsuit, beach towel, water bottles, water shoes, hats, sneakers, sunscreen, bug repellent and extra clothes. Please mark all belongings with trooper's name.

2012 Rates & Fees

Weekly Rate: $150 (5 days)
Daily Rate: $30/day with reservation
Half-Day Rate: $15
Morning Half: 9am-12pm • Afternoon Half: 1-4pm

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Summer enrollment packets will be sent upon receipt of the reservation and permission form. Payment is accepted each week prior to days of attending. Enrollment packets are available at **www.MahoosucKids.org**

Health & Safety

The Mahoosuc Kids Association is a State of Maine Department of Human Services Licensed childcare center. MKA is in its ninth year of operation in the MSAD #44 community offering quality after school programs for school-age children. MKA also offers the Summer Adventure Program as a fun-packed alternative to summer childcare needs. MKA is a 21st Century Community Learning Center and embeds creative learning into its programs.

MKA year round staff serves as the leadership backbone of the Summer Adventure Program. Staff members are CPR and First Aid certified and follow strict risk management guidelines. Certified Lifeguards and trained water safety staff all water activities. In case of emergency, the Bethel Family Health Center is just five minutes from CPS' base and Stephens Memorial Hospital is just thirty minutes away. The safety and well-being of the children is our greatest concern.

About Our Program & Community Partners

The Summer Adventure Program is a collaborative program offered by the Mahoosuc Kids Association with the generous support of MSAD #44, our local communities, the Bethel Inn Resort and Country Club, Riverview Resort, and the Bryant Pond 4-H camp.

We appreciate the tremendous support from MSAD #44 employees, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, food service and business office personnel who make it possible to offer fun, safe and exciting summer opportunities for our youth.

Mahoosuc Kids is proud to be part of the 2012 PEP Grant, The Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant is a program funded by the US Department of Education throught he office of Safe and Healthy Students. It is intended to assist schools in improving their physical education and nutrition education programs. The Oxford Hills and Telstar school districts were awarded a three year PEP grand. The name of our community PEP Grant is "5-2-1-0 Let's Go" Body, Mind, Spirit. Our aim this summer is to introduce our children to a healthier body, mind and spirit in hopes to improve the choices that our children are making every day living, along with healthy food choices.

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Telstar Regional High School Top Scholars Class of 2012

Telstar Regional High School staff and students are pleased to announce the honor students from the graduating class of 2012. These 11 individuals have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers. The Telstar community congratulates these young scholars for their commitment to their studies, their school and their communities.

Adam Mahar Valedictorian

Adam Mahar, son of Joseph Mahar of Andover and Anne Marie Mahar of Rumford is the Class of 2012 Valedictorian. He is also this year's Maine Principals' Award recipient at Telstar.

Adam is a National Merit Scholar who will be an excellent addition to the student body of Cornell University's College of Arts and Sciences this fall, where he plans to pursue a degree in history. Adam has been a regular at the top of his courses at Telstar, challenging himself with several honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

In the community he has volunteered for the Bethel Outing Club, Chisholm Ski Club and Maine Winter Special Olympics. At Telstar he is Class Secretary and a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Telstar's Tech Team and Student Council. Adam is also a three-sport athlete, competing on the cross-country running, cross-country skiing, and track and field teams.

Off campus, Adam enjoyed participating in Moody's Mega Math Challenge and National Novel Writing Month. He is also an avid hiker.

Emily Bellinger Salutatorian

Emily Bellinger, daughter of Rev. Kevin and Nancy Bellinger of Bethel, is an experienced musician who plans to attend Nyack College in New York next year as a Music Education major.

Telstar's Salutatorian has had lead roles in the school's musical productions of "Fiddler on the Roof," "Guys and Dolls," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Grease." She has also participated in the District II Honors and Maine All State choirs.

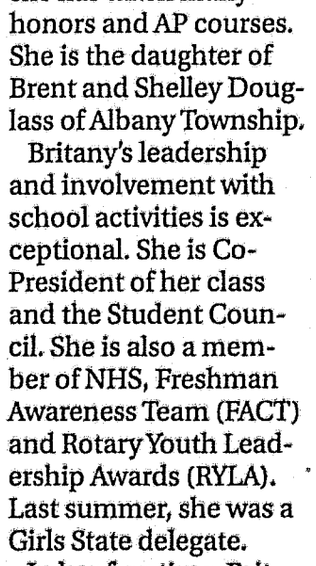
Emily serves her community as a volunteer with the Bethel Alliance Church's Worship Team, Vacation Bible Adventure and Nursery and Children's Church. She is also a member of Telstar Student Council and NHS. During her free time, Emily likes to read, write, draw, play music and bake.

Britany Douglass Third Honors

Britany Douglass has excelled at her rigorous studies at Telstar, where she has taken many honors and AP courses. She is the daughter of Brent and Shelley Douglass of Albany Township.

Britany's leadership and involvement with school activities is exceptional. She is Co-President of her class and the Student Council. She is also a member of NHS, Freshman Awareness Team (FACT) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Last summer, she was a Girls State delegate.

In her free time, Britany loves to dance. She has danced every year in community youth dance productions since she was three, holding the lead in many of these recitals. For the past few years, she has been an assistant dance teacher at Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio in Bethel. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington to major in Rehabilitation Services.



Karen White Fourth Honors

Karen White is a quiet, thoughtful leader and mentor at Telstar. The daughter of Rodney and Lorie White of Albany Township, she plans to attend the University of Maine at Orono next year, focusing on pre-medical studies with the goal of becoming an obstetrician.

Karen has earned several Telstar Academic Excellence awards while taking a rigorous course schedule. She is also NHS secretary and previous class secretary. She is a member of Student Council, band, chorus, theater, graduation committee, prom committee and FACT. She has served as a student mentor for the Telstar Leadership Committee and helped welcome Freshmen to the first day of school at Telstar.

Karen has really enjoyed the Certified Nursing Assistant program at Region 9 School of Applied Technology, where she was named this year's Career and Technical Education Student of the Year. Karen also loves to swim and read.

Naomi Ellsworth Fifth Honors

Naomi Ellsworth always has a ready smile and a positive attitude. She is the daughter of Warren and Melanie Ellsworth of Greenwood and recently traveled to Spain, France, and Italy.

Naomi played four years of varsity field hockey and is also a member of Student Council, Prom Committee, RYLA and drama. She is the NHS and FBLA historian and served a year as class president. Off campus, she volunteers at the Toe Tappin Jazz dance studio.

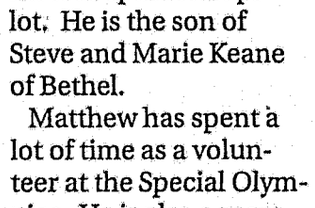
After graduation, Naomi plans to attend either the University of Maine at Orono and major in the college of liberal arts and sciences. In her free time she enjoys photography, reading, art, music as well as fashion and fashion photography.

Matthew Keane Sixth Honors

Matthew Keane plans to leave the Earth one day. He'd like to start his journey as an Air Force jet-fighter pilot and finish it as spacecraft pilot. He is the son of Steve and Marie Keane of Bethel.

Matthew has spent a lot of time as a volunteer at the Special Olympics. He is also a member of Student Council and president of FBLA. Mathew is a cross-country runner and skier, who is also on the track team in the spring.

Matthew is a Lego enthusiast. He is in a Lego league and also makes short films with his Lego creations. He plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida to study Aerospace Engineering.



Daniel Whitney Seventh Honors

Daniel Whitney is a three-season varsity athlete and Mountain Valley Conference All Star. He is the son of Rick and Ellen Whitney of Bethel.

Daniel is a former Cub Scout and 4-H member who volunteers as a Physical Education aide and participated in Telstar's Contractors Day. He was also selected as a Telstar Student of the Month. Daniel has spent four years on the golf, basketball and baseball teams at Telstar.

Daniel enjoys wiffle ball, biking and golf in his free time. He plans to attend Husson University to study sports management.

Hunter Verrill Eighth Honors

Field hockey co-captian Hunter Verrill is the daughter of Michael and Amy Verrill of Hanover.

She is a member of NHS, who also volunteers at the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library in Hanover. Hunter has been Athlete and Student of the month. She is a member of the band, and is also a pit musician for drama productions.

Hunter has a long list of hobbies and interests including horseback riding, dancing, reading, target shooting, archery, hiking, photography, swimming, running and anything that will get her outdoors! She plans to attend Central Maine Community College for general studies.

Annalyn Bachmann Ninth Honors

Annie Bachmann is a musician and an artist who plans to attend Emmanuel College in Boston, where she plans to major in political science and minor in German studies. She is the daughter of Holly Bachmann of Shelburne, NH.

Annie played tennis and soccer for much of her high school career. She has worked to improve conditions at the Hope Haven Gospel Mission in Lewiston.

She is also a member of the Shelburne Trails Committee and a previous Rug Rats ski program volunteer.

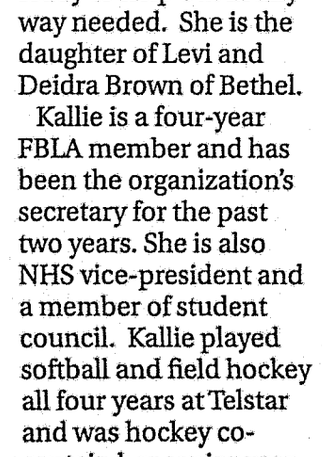
Annie is a classical pianist, who plays tennis year-round. She plans to continue her art exploration throughout college.

Kallie Brown Ninth Honors

Kallie Brown is always ready to help out in any way needed. She is the daughter of Levi and Deidra Brown of Bethel.

Kallie is a four-year FBLA member and has been the organization's secretary for the past two years. She is also NHS vice-president and a member of student council. Kallie played softball and field hockey all four years at Telstar and was hockey co-captain her senior year.

Kallie likes to get outdoors and enjoy life. She plans to major in Elementary Education this fall at St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont.



Lyndsay Merrill Tenth Honors

Lyndsay Merrill is an outdoor enthusiast, honor student and the daughter of James and Mary Merrill of Bethel.

Lyndsay enjoys volunteering in the community, especially at the Crescent Park School. She is a softball and field hockey player, who is also a member of the Graduation Committee at Telstar.

Lyndsay enjoys hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. She plans to attend Husson University in the fall and major in Business Management with a concentration in sports management.

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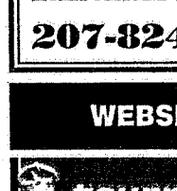
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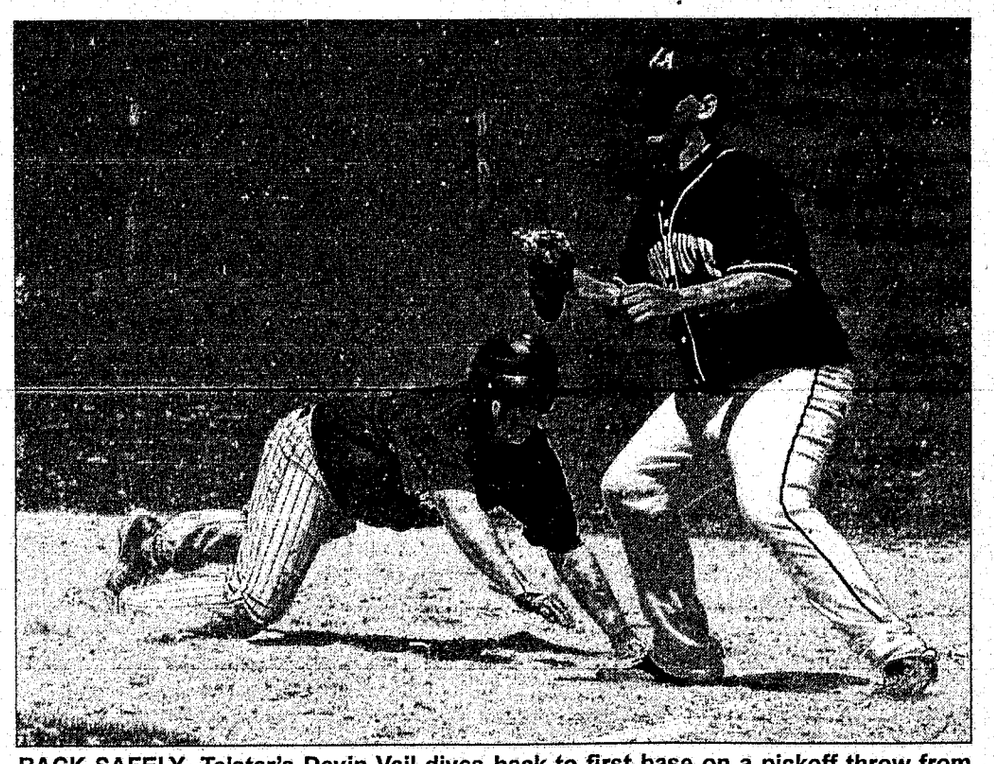

BACK SAFELY- Telstar's Devin Vail dives back to first base on a pickoff throw from the Monmouth Academy pitcher Saturday. The game, won by Telstar 12-2, featured an inside-the-park grand slam by Nick Mills. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

High School Varsity Baseball

Telstar 11, Mt. Valley 9; May 14-It took 9 innings for the varsity Rebels baseball team to defeat the scrappy Mt. Valley nine. Tyler Brown delivered a 2-run double off the left field fence in the top of the ninth and Corey Howard pitched scoreless baseball over the last 2 and a third innings to secure the win. The Rebels knocked out 6 extra-base hits including home runs by Kurt Morgan, Nick Mills and Corey Howard.- Coach Bob Remington

Telstar 12, Monmouth 2; May 12-Telstar upped its record to 6-1 with a convincing 12-2 defeat of the visiting Monmouth Mustangs. Logan Bartlett pitched all 5 innings, allowing just 3 hits while walking one and striking out 7. Dan Whitney led the hitting attack with 4 hits, including 2 doubles, and Nick Mills drilled an inside-the-park grand slam. - Coach Bob Remington

Gould Academy 7, Kents Hill 6; May 12-Gould finished their second undefeated MAISAD Season with a come-from-behind win over Kents Hill. Connor Huggins drove in the game winning run with a bases loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning. Connor was one of four players who had multiple hits on the day. Jeb Clarke had 3, D.J. Sudbay, and Jules Arsenault each had two. Sawyer Harkins made a huge defensive play in the outfield with a great running catch in the 5th inning. Cody Bullen and Spencer Couch combined for a 6 hitter while striking out 9.

Telstar 5, Mt. Valley 1; May 9-Telstar upped its record to 5-1 with victory over the visiting Mt. Valley Falcons. Kyle Peterson turned in another fine performance on the mound going the full 7 innings allowing just 4 hits while striking out 6. He also led the hitting attack with 2 singles. Drew Wilson made 2 stellar defensive plays to help stifle the opponent's hopes of a rally.- Coach Bob Remington

Gould Academy 6, Hebron 1; May 9-Jeb Clarke pitched a complete game, giving up 4 hits and 1 run, while striking out 11. He was instrumental in the win that clenched the MAISAD regular season championship for the second year in a row. Leading the offensive charge was Spencer Couch, Cody Bullen, and Alec Manning with 2 hits. DJ Sudbay, Connor Huggins, Sawyer Harkins, and Jules Arsenault all had one hit. Jackson Keogh was on base several times with a walk and hard hit ball that got by the shortstop. Aaron Mason had a great day in the field.

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 6, Mt. Valley 2; May 14-Telstar's softball team won a big Heal Point game. Jessica Dirago allowed only 2 hits and struck out 11 to limit the Falcons to just 2 runs. Autum Morin with 3 hits including a RBI triple led the offense. Taylor Savage with 2 hits and 2 runs scored helped keep the Rebels in the lead. Jess Dirago, Tasha Farnum, Maisey Griffin, Kallie Brown and Gabi Stone also had hits for the Rebels. – Coach Jim Lunney

Monmouth 11, Telstar 2; May 12-Telstar ran into a buzz saw on Saturday as the Rebels hosted the #1-seeded Monmouth Mustangs. Reen Kahl, the Mustang's fine pitcher, limited the Rebels to 4 hits and struck out 18 batters while walking none. A tremendous pitching performance. Jessica Dirago gave up 9 hits and struck out 4 Mustang batters. The game ended on a positive note for the host Rebels, however. In the 7th inning, trailing 11-0, the Telstar team was able to put together 3 htis and score 2 runs off the Mustangs. Jessica Dirago singled to center and Autum Morin followed with single to right and both scored on Maisey Griffin's 2nd triple of the game. Jessica DIrago and the Rebels held the strong Mustang team in check trailing 1-0 after 4 innings and 3-0 after 5. – Coach Jim Lunney

Mt. Valley 6, Telstar 1; May 9-Telstar's Jessica Dirago scattered 9 hits and struck out 8 to take the pitching loss. Kallie Brown, Jess Dirago, Maisey Griffin and Ellie Conrad had the only Rebel hits as the home team struggled to get timely hits with runners on. Sadie Ellsowrth scored the only Telstar run on a double steal in the 5th inning. Overall the team played well, but defensive errors led to 5 unearned runs.- Coach Jim Lunney

High School J.V. Softball

Telstar 9, Mt. Valley 8; May 15-Telstar finally got their season started in dramatic fashion, with a come-from-behind win at home versus Mt. Valley. Annie Cushman and Jenny Wakefield shared pitching duties allowing 9 hits, 8 walks, and collecting 1 strike out with Jenny coming away with the win. Gabi Stone, Ellie Conrad, Sadie Ellsworth, and Annie Cushman each had two hits, and Jenny Wakefield, Katie Merrill, and Kijah Bartlett each had a hit. The team had 2 doubles, was walked one time, and did not strike out. The team stepped up to play great defense and made the plays when they needed to in order to support their pitchers. - Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Varsity Baseball

Telstar 13, Spruce Mt. 3; May 14-Telstar's Caleb Clarke pitched the first 3 innings of the game, striking out 3 and only giving up 1 run.While Kaleb Currier pitched the last 3 innings of the game, striking out 6 and only giving up 2 runs. Hunter Williamson hit 2 singles, Jacob Bennett hit a bases clearing double, while Brendon Stearns, Schuyler Leff, and Tanner Wheeler each hit a single. -Coach Tim O'Connor

Telstar 15, Oxford Hills 1; May 11-Telstar's Kaleb Currier, Chase Harkins, and Jacob Bennett combined pitching for the Rebels and chalked up 10 strike outs! Hunter Williamson, Chase Harkins, and Kaleb Currier all had two hits in the game, while Caleb Clarke, Jacob Bennett, Brendon Stearns, and Marcus Wentworth each added a hit.- Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS J.V. Baseball

Telstar 18, Mt. Valley 0; May 9-Once again Telstar had excellent pitching. The defense was led by pitchers Tanner Wheeler and Josh Eliot, who combined to throw five shutout, no-hit innings. The offense was led by Marcus Wentworth who added a double, Tanner Wheeler, who added three hits, and Schuyler Leff, who added two hits. Duncan Forbes, Boston Ludden, and Colten Carson also added singles. Everyone played well and every player reached base at least once during the game. -Coach Andy Whitney

TMS Varsity Softball

Telstar 9, Oxford Hills 3; May 11-Telstar played a solid defense that let nothing get by them. Emma Scheidegger and Cassidy Smith played flawlessly at first base. Offensively, big hits came from Becca Howard,who belted out a triple in the 4th inning, followed by Tori Ryerson with a double. Tehya Johnson struck out seven batters and only walked one.-Coach Mary Learned

TMS J.V. Softball

Telstar 7, Mt. Valley 4; May 8-Telstar's Erin Childs did a great job on the mound with 9 strike outs. Maddie Prentice and Caroline Finley each had a double. Repeat hitters were Maddie Prentice and Caroline Finley. The girls played great defense, with 2 double plays and a triple play. Coach Linda Cozzolino

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

Gould Academy 10, Proctor Academy 9; May 9-After going down by four at halftime, the Gould Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team rallied to best Proctor 10-9 in a thrilling game on Schroy Field. Gould featured 9 different scorers on the day with Cam McCarthy leading the way with two goals. Jaime Romero '13 score the game winner with just under two minutes to go and the Huskies hung on to seal the victory. Hunter Rosenthall was spectacular in between the pipes recording 12 saves an limiting Proctor to just one goal in the second half.

Cycling

May 12- Gould cycling had an excellent outing at the Phillips Exeter Academy Team Time Trial. This was a two person event timed off the finish time of the second rider. It was on a short technical course (2-180 degree turns, and a four turn "chicane" section that eliminated several teams). Teams rode between 5 and 8 miles. Gould teams came in first in the Girls' A race (Abby Turner and Hailey Sarausky), the Girl's C race (Melissa Seib and Margaret Cameron), and the boy's C race (Kyler Walker and John Drew). Gould had fourth place finishes in the Boys' A race (George Merrill and Robbie Leeson) and boys B races (Erick Robicsek and Steve Dexter). Several of Gould's teams overcame crashes to finish the race and place well. Every one of our teams finished the race in good form. Gould won the race overall, and our team now stands first in the league just a few points ahead of Exeter.

Pine Tree Men's Baseball

Bethel 6, Tri-Town 1; May 6-The Bethel Braves Pine Tree Baseball Team opened their 2012 season with victory over the Tri-Town Yankees of Poland. Josh Aylward (1-0) was on the mound, collecting 16 strikeouts, 2 walks and 1 hit in six innings of work. Offensively, Aylward led the team with 3 hits, and singles by Terry Collins, Levi Brown, Mark Kenney. In game #2 Wade Osgood pitched 4 innings allowing 1 hit, 2 runs, and 8 walks, and Levi Brown (1-0) came on in relief pitching 3 solid innings striking out one, scattering 3 hits, and no walks. Leading the offensive attack was Jason Rosenberg with 2 hits. Travis Brooks, Levi Brown, Tim Remington, Mark Kenney, and Wade Osgood each added a single. The team will play their next game May 20 at Winslow HS, versus the Central Maine Green Wave.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff.; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided.Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on-Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a,m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

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WOODSTOCK

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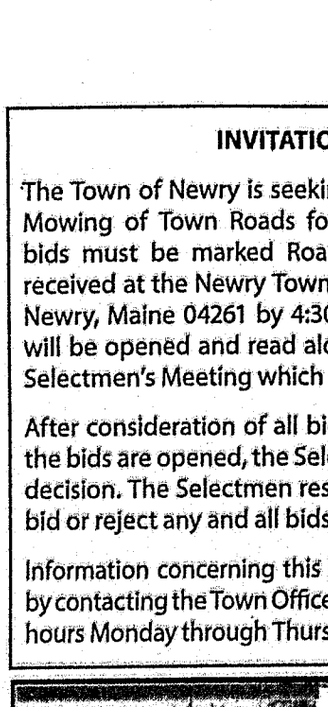

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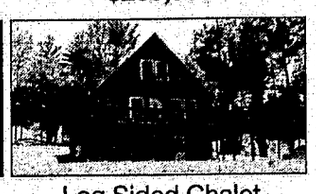
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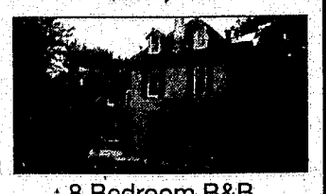
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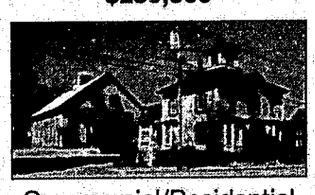
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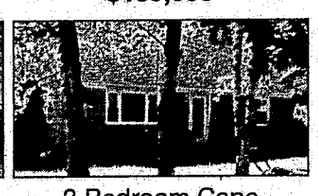
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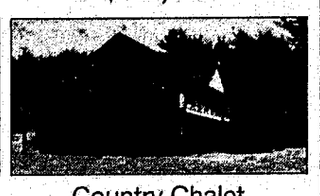
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RIVERBEND #9 1bed/1bath, post & beam $109,000
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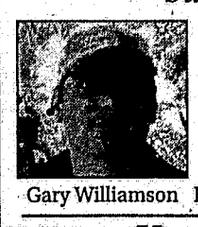
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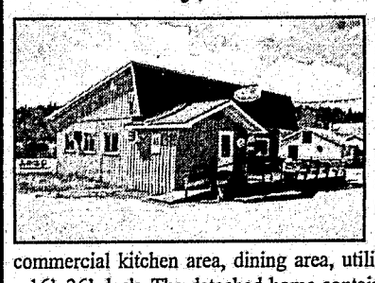

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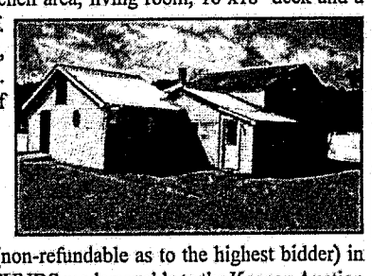

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363,000 acres of Moosehead Lake Region conserved

More than 2 million acres of Maine is now conserved as a vast interconnected forest that stretches from the St. John Valley to Moosehead Lake to Mount Katahdin.

The Nature Conservancy www.nature.org/maine, the Forest Society of Maine www.fsmaine.org/ and Plum Creek www.plumcreek.com/ today announced an historic conservation easement on 363,000 acres near Greenville.

The easement is one of the largest in the history of conservation in the United States, and it serves as the missing piece that connects existing protected lands to create one of the nation's most extensive conserved working forests.

But perhaps as important as its scale, is a commitment that this property will remain accessible, ensuring a future for the long tradition of recreation and sustainable forestry in the Maine woods.

The 363,000-acre easement, which will be held by the Forest Society of Maine, will permit recreation, including hunting, fishing, hiking and snowmobiling on set trails; as well as forestry that meets the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI (r)) and other conservation guidelines, while allowing forest products to continue to benefit the local economy.

The 363,000-acre easement includes some lands on which the easement was donated by Plum Creek, and additional acreage where the conservation easement was purchased by The Nature Conservancy, using funds being raised as part of its ongoing $100 million Sustainable Maine; Sustainable Planet campaign, as well as some funds raised by the Forest Society of Maine.

The Moosehead easement conserves habitat for dozens of protected fish and wildlife species, as well as 30 sites that have been identified as habitat for rare and endangered plants. The conserved area includes 200 miles of lakeshore, and includes lands near Moosehead, the second-largest lake in New England, as well as 68 other lakes and ponds.

The terms of the easement guarantee public access for traditional recreational uses, including: hunting, fishing, camping at designated sites, canoeing, and cross-country skiing. The easement also protects access to 160 miles of trails that are used by hikers and snowmobilers.

"This land base has had an uncertain future for many generations. This conservation easement will make possible investment in much-needed permanent outdoor recreational infrastructure such as trails for hiking, biking and snowmobiling, all of which will enhance the outdoor experience for current and future visitors," said John Simko, a Greenville resident who served as town manager while the concept plan was being developed.

"Today's celebration is truly about how conservation, business, government and community interests can work together to achieve remarkable things," said Alan Hutchinson, executive director of the Forest Society of Maine.

"As the result of the commitment and hard work of many, hundreds of thousands of acres of woods and waters in the Moosehead region will be growing and sustaining trees and forests, Canada lynx and brook trout, and generations of healthy outdoor enthusiasts," Hutchinson said. "The Forest Society of Maine is honored and ready to be a part of that future, as the overseer of this conservation easement."

The new easement provides a bridge between existing conservation lands, including 44,000 acres that have recently been protected in the region.

The Nature Conservancy and the State of Maine have purchased 15,000 acres known as Moose River Reserve, which includes portions of Number 5 Bog www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/maine/explore/journey-to-moose-river-and-no-5-bog.xml and lands that provide access to the famous Moose River Bow Trip paddling route. And more than 29,500 acres, including more than 10 remote ponds near the Appalachian Trail's 100-Mile Wilderness has been conserved by the Appalachian Mountain Club www.outdoors.org/conservation/wherewework/maine/index.cfm. "The Maine woods is the last large and unfragmented wild place in the East, and this historic easement ensures that the remote and undeveloped character of this region will be retained, and the public will forever be able to access this land and enjoy its natural, scenic, and recreational assets," said Walter Graff, senior vice president of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

This easement represents the conservation portion of a framework developed by Plum Creek for a large portion of its lands in Maine and approved by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

Through a multi-year process, a concept plan was developed that balances development and conservation in the Moosehead region. The outcome: 96 percent of the land was conserved and just four percent zoned for development.

Earlier this spring, a legal challenge to the plan was dismissed, clearing the way for completion of the full conservation vision.

"Community and conservation go hand in hand," said Meredith Jones, president and chief executive officer of the Maine Community Foundation, which will be managing the $1.56 million stewardship fund for the property, which was supplied by Plum Creek.

"We believe this easement will strengthen Maine's quality of place and we are pleased to partner in its long-term stewardship," she said.

Births

Samuel Moby Myers was born March 6, 2012 at the Corniche Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, weighing 3.4 kg and was 50 cm long.

Moby is the son of **Michelle and Clint Myers,** formerly of Bethel and Bryant Pond, and the grandson of Robyn and Percy McInnis and Bill and Vicky Myers, all of Bryant Pond.

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Asa and Lisa Meader Hunton are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Waylon Bo Hunton, born on April 22, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are the late Frederick Lavis Meader of Albany and Patricia and Willie Gaudreau of Waterford.

Paternal grandparents are Diane Packard of Lewiston and Douglas and Claira Hunton of North Norway.

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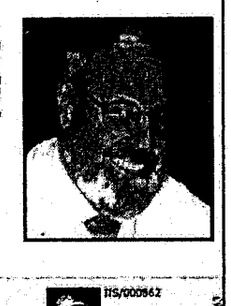
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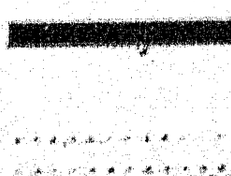
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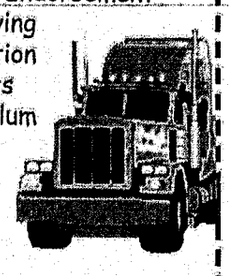
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